Anger over

Callaghan

support for

From Tim Jones Cardiff Mr James Callaghan, the former Prime Minister, has

incensed Labour Party sup-porters in his Cardiff, Southeast, constituency by his apparent backing for a men-only rule in the bar of a Labour club in

the city.
Some are also angry that Lord Brooks, constituency chair-man, has apologized to the club for the "inexcusable actions"

of some party members.

Roath Ward Labour Party dis-

covered that women members were barred from using a bar at Roath Labour Club, where they have met for many years.

they have met for many years.

After a meeting at the club, during which they passed a resolution to boycott the premises until the management committee changed its policy, about six women and their supporters entered the bar and ordered drinks.

What happened then is horly disputed, the women declaring that they were manhandled and

that they were munhandled and humiliated and the men alleg-

ing that the women behaved like a gaggle of geese.

Dr Catharine Belsey, a lecturer at University College, Cardiff, said: "As I was buying

a round I was manhandled and shouted at by an official. He tried to wrest the drink from my hand. Men in the bar became belligerent and insisted that we

men's bar

Health service marked as main target for cuts

Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Social Services, indicated in the Commons yesterday that the National Health Service has been marked by the Government as one of its main targets for cuts in public spending.

'System cannot aid all human ills'

By Hugh Noyes Parliamentary Correspondent Westminster

The Government has clearly marked the National Health marked the National Health
Service as one of its main targets for the cuts in public expenditure which are expected
to be announced in a White
Paper within the next few
weeks and in the Budget on
March 26.

That was the burden of a significant speech in the Commons yesterday by Mr Patrick Jenkin, the Secretary of State for Social Services, when he opened the debate in terms that could be interpreted only as a trailer for wide-ranging savings in the costs of the nation's health services.

The Government's health service policies were later approved by 191 votes to 159, a majority of 32.

Almost every developed country was having to take steps to restrict its health expenditure, Mr Jenkin told the House, Britain was no excep-tion and he agreed with the Royal Commission on the ser-vice in saving that it was illusory to believe that the demand for health care could ever be satisfied. As the commission also stated, Mr Jenkin added. it would be unrealistic to sup-pose that the fortunes of the NHS could be insulated from those of the nation. He pointed out that by the end of the year the Government would have had to find between £350m and 1400m above the cash limits laid down by the Labour Government in order to finance inherited pay increases.

That was three times what the health service itself had to find by making savings. No one could escape the fact that if we spent more on pay there was

less left for services. cent growth, but that was not as much as the service needed to cope with an aging popula-tion and to keep up with medical advances. What we spent on health depended on what we as a nation earned. Until the nation was earning more, we should have to do with this low level of growth, Mr Jenkin said. In spite of that, no region would receive an increase in its allocation in real terms of less than 0.3 per cent enabling the Government to give the worst-off regions an increase of 0.6 per cent. The Government, he added, was committed to main-taining spending on the NHS at Parliamentar

the level set out in last Janu-

But over and over again Mr Jenkin stressed "the simple truth" that the NHS could not attend to all numan ills. Quoting his predecessor in the Labour Government, Mr David Ennals, Mr Jenkin said that everyone would like more money for the NHS, but there was only so much that the taxrayer was prepared to afford. The public should not be encouraged to believe that they could have whatever they wanted whenever they wanted

The ever-mounting pressure of demand seemed sometimes to threazen to engulf the service. People must learn that if they consulted their doctor for every minor adment or if they demanded "a pill for every ill" then they could not legicimately complain if the resources were not there when serious trouble arose.

Mr Jenkin emphasized that health service charges were an essential part of the Government's policy. That was one way of underlining the individual's responsibility for his own health care that he should pay part of the cost where he could

part of the cost where he could afford it. The Government, he went on, was examining alterna-tive methods to taxation Mr Jenkin made no apology

for having set in train an investigation of the possibilities of increasing the insurance element as a way to finance the service, but the results of that study were unlikely for some

Mr Stanley Orme, Opposition spokesman on health and social security, said that the debate was taking place against a background of important policy changes by the Government.

Private practice, Mr Orme said, was immoral and no one less left for services.

For 1980-81 Mr Jenkin said that the Government would make up for this year's inflation and provide for a half per sware that the only sensible and democratic way of financing the NHS was through taxation. Union leader's claim: The Government plans to replace the National Health Service with an insurance-based system, a union leader claimed last night

(the Press Association reports) And, as a step towards this goal, the Government wants a mixed system with high pres-cription charges and a scheme for paying for visits to the doctor, Mr Albert Spanswick, gen-eral secretary of the Confederation of Health Service Em-

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president of the Soviet Academy

of Sciences, of which Dr Sak-harov is still a member, and Mr Alexei Chytikov, chairman of the Council of the Union of the

M. Chaban-Delmas's abrupt

departure is a keen disappointment to the Russians, who saw his decision to continue his

exile in Gorkiv has upset many

Soviet scientists and intellec-

though not agreeing with him.

. This evening a long and bitter

attack in Izvestia said Dr Sak-

dissident academician

who respected the

THETIMES

President Tito gets up and sees his sons

President Tito is recovering from the amputation of his leg faster than expected and three days after the operation he is getting out of bed (Dessa Trevisan writes from Bel-

shift on

By Paul Routledge

steel policy

TUC leaders are to warn the Government to make a funda-

mental shift on its steel and

coal policies or face a growing risk of more widespread and

The risk of sliding into an

unwanted general strike was raised at the TUC General

Council yesterday, and while

union leaders are anxious not to "talk up" the sense of crisis, they will urge senior Cabinet ministers to give ground on their handling of the

economy.
The TUC's fresh political

sumed negotiations designed to

end the national steel strike. now in its fourth week.

are to have talks with Mr James Mortimer, chairman of Acas,

who has been sounding out with

British Steel Corporation executives the prospects of an im-

proved offer on pay and produc-

wider impact of BSC's closure

programme which would make 52,000 men redundant during

protest at the corporation's plan

The TUC is concerned at the

damaging industrial action.

Government officials said that he inquired yesterday about the world situation and said he wished to be kept informed of Afghanistan affairs and the general deterioration of United States-Soviet relations.

A senior Yugoslav official said that it was expected the president would resume activity within a few weeks and that he would gradually take over his responsibilities. In any case the president already appears to be following events from his hospital ward. Evidence of his

over Sakharov case

remarkable robustness was given today when a photograph (above), showing the President talking to his two sons, Zharko and Misa, appeared Yugoslav newspapers

His close associates say the president fought off the psychological shock of the operation well but for a man who was so proud of his appearance it must have come as a

Yugoslavs, who have, during these past two weeks, begun to live with the prospect of the death of Presi-

dent Tito, are now beginning to believe in his power to survive even the heaviest physical odds. The leadership, which has demon-

strated remarkable self-confidence throughout this critical time, has acted as a caretaker team rehearsing for the transition to the post-Tito era. The tests have proved successful and today a leading Yugoslav said that however upset they were by President Tito's illness emotions did not stand in the way of institutions functioning smoothly.

Tory-Labour split on foreign policy widens

By Fred Emery

Political Editor A split on foreign policy between the Government and the Labour Opposition appeared to be widening last night in advance of today's policy statement on Afghanistan and the common of the Commons debate Britain's nuclear defence.

While condemning the invasion of Afghanistan and urging the Soviet Union to withdraw its troops, Mr James Callaghan, leader of the Opposition when the condemnity with the condemnity of the Callaghan and the condemnity with the condemnity of the Callaghan and the condemnity with the condemnity of the Callaghan and the callage with the callage wi sition, went along with a Labour National Executive Committee (NEC) motion urging the Government not to increase arms sales to coun-tries neighbouring Afghanistan.

his decision to continue his 10-day tour as proof that Europe could be persuaded to take a less intransigent line over Afghanistan than the Ameri-The NEC also urged the Government not to proceed (as it has already decided) with the stationing in Britain of Ameri-can cruise missiles and Pershing Apparently M. Chaban-Delmas learnt of Dr Sakharov's arrest just before his meeting If nuclear missiles elsewhere in Nato countries. "We reaffirm our support for the process of detente," the NEC motion with Mr Brezhnev, but did not bring the matter up during his talks.

> the Opposition Shadow Cabinet. But while shadow ministers are known to be divided among about yesterday's NEC motion was that it provoked no vote, according to Labour Party offi-

bacov was being used as a Trojan horse by ideological enemies of the Soviet Union to conduct psychological warfare the Soviet invasion included at alone bite the suggestion of Mr Frank He called Allaun, the left-wing MP for Salford, East, the balaucer "as

Confusion

of Shah

the report, however.

Panama.

ernment's long support of President Johnson over Vietnam was

tion to take firm action has been strengthened by the Soviet banishment of Dr Andrei Sakharov. Some officials hoped that the more reluctant EEC allies might now see the wis-dom of Mrs Margaret Thatcher siding with President Carter. It was expected that Lord Carrington, in reporting his

now needs to give help, including arms.

He called on EEC leaders to lift their sights from what he termed their comparatively

Carrington, the Foreign Secre-tary, will tell the Lords today of the Government's retaliatory measures against the Soviet Union prompted by the Afghanistan invasion.

recent tour of South West Asia would emphasize that the West

Labour's National Executive West the confidence and co-is of course far removed from operation of the Islamic world was urged last night by Mr Edward Heath. In what could be interpreted as criticism of themselves what was surprising Mrs Thatcher and her EEC colleagues, he deplored the EEC response to Afglianistan as "little more than empty rhetoric and economic sanctions

leave."

Dr Belsey, who has been nominated as chairman of Mr Callaghan's constituency committee, added: "Labour is supposed to be leading the fight against discrimination".

Her colleague, Dr Dinah Westmorland, said: "We were manhandled and we threatened to call the nolice".

behaved in "an uncouth and ungentlemanly manner".

One man who attended the meeting said: "We were upset when Mr Callaghan spoke in support of the club's action". Club officials were unrepentent yesterday. Mr Colin Facey, vice-chairman, said: "The women called us chauvinist pigs". For the Government, Lord

The Government's determina-

It was also thought that he

to call the police".

When the constituency general management committee met, it considered a letter from the club containing the odd charge that the women had behaved in "an uncouth and

would announce an end to any transfers of British high technology to the Soviet Union. The need for a greater Euro

The statement condemning which will not even pinch, let

we condemned US intervention trivial internal squabbles to the in Vietnam and British intervention in Suez", again without a energy supply and global vote. Evidently the Wilson govinstability.

Minister joined the men for a drink while Mrs Callaghan talked to the women in the concert room.

Mr Robert Foley, club chairman, said the protesters were "a lunatic fringe".

> Tory MP is seriously ill

Mr Maurice Macmillan (59), Conservative MP for Farnham, is sectionally ill in the intensive care unit of the Kent and Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells.

pigs".

He pointed out that when Mr

Callaghan and his wife visited the club, the former Prime

He was taken there on Monday suffering from a severe bronchial attack from Birch Grove, near Haywards Heath, the home of his father, the former Prime Minister, Mr Harold Macmillan.

Kidnap isle raid

Cagliari, Sardinia, Jan 23.— The police arrested 16 shep-herds and shopkeepers early today in a move to stamp out kidnapping in Sardinia.

Gold moves in erratic fashion

fold moved erretically on the bullion markets falling \$100 to \$590 an ounce at one point and finally serting at \$700 an ounce, a rise of \$10 on the day. on the day. Dealing was so bectic that the London fixings were delayed. No one appeared to know where the price was going next. In Zurich a wave of selling affected the metal in the morning and the price plummeted. Swiss dealers attributed a loss of confidence in Swiss dealers attributed a loss of confidence in gold to rumours that the deposed Shah of Iran had been arrested in Panama Page 17 had been arrested in Panama

Israel leaves key area

Israel has returned to Egypt the largest and most strategic Sinai desert sector so far relinquished. At a ceremony designed to show its military power, Israel finished withdrawal from two-thirds of the conquered territory. Before the ceremony, Israeli demolition squads had destroyed surveillance and command facilities in the mountains which Egypt, to the disquiet of many senior Israeli officers, will regain Page 8

Zanu candidate shot

Rhedesian police are searching for gunmen who murdered Mr Oliver Saunyama, an election candidate of the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole's Zanu party. Mr Saunyama was shot by two men as he was leaving his home. A party official said they were shocked and mystified by his murder. He was not a leading or controversial rigure in the party

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Sinn Fein leader arrested after bomber is buried

tivity bonuses.

Police in Ulster arrested several people, includ-ing Mr Gerry Adams, vice-president of Sion Foin, yesterday as the Provisional IRA bomber who died in a premature explosion in a train last Thursday was buried. A volley of pistol shots was fired over the coffin of Kevin Delany at the graveside but clergy had refused to accept

bis funeral in church Bill on jury vetting A private member's Bill to make jury vetting illegal and to improve the rights of jurors is to be introduced in the House of Lords by Lord

Melchett. Its aim is to give the subject a full public airing and to persuade the Commons to legislate on it in the next session Page 2 Reports suppressed

The Labour Party national executive decided yesterday not to publish reports prepared by Lord Underhill on Trotskyist infiltration of local party organizations. A letter from Lord Underhil land an updated report on infiltration sent to Mr Rom Hayward, the general secretary, were not considered by the executive to Mr Ron Haywaru, the general recently were not considered by the executive Page 2 Spy in the cab': More than 100,000 larry

drivers decide not to take industrial action to prevent fitting of tachographs 2 Abortion statement: All Roman Catholic diocesan bishops in England, Wales and Scotland affirm support for new Bill 5

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president of the French National Assembly, abruptly cut short his official visit to Supreme Sovier, the body that invited M Chaban-Delmas, also the Soviet Union within hours of meeting President Brezhnev called at the embassy. last night, and flew back to Paris today in protest at the ciling of Dr Andrei Sakharov, the dissident leader. They emphasized that they would not take personal offence at his decision, and said they were eager that links between France and the Soivet Union As he was leaving, the Soviet should not be broken.

press bitterly denounced Dr Sakharov as a traitor, a belligerent anti-communist and an exponent of the cold war, and suggested that he had been expelled from Moscow because he was leaking nuclear secrets; to foreigners,

TUC seeking | French snub Moscow

M Jacques Chaban-Delmas,

From Michael Binyon

Moscow, Jan 23

initiative was launched on the eve of renewed efforts today by the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas) to prepare the ground for re-M Chaban Delmas said he could not keep silent on the measures against Dr Sakharov. which he regarded as a matter of principle. But as a guest of the Soviet leaders he could not intervene in the affair without Leaders of the dominant union in the dispute, the Iron interfering in the Soviet Union's intercal affairs.

"Being able neither to speak nor keep silent, I consider myself personally obliged to return to France as soon as possible he told French correspondents. [On his return to Paris he said: "I went carrying the hopes of several families of political prisoners but a sudden event showed me it was not the

time for such hopes", UPI the next eight months. The general council "recognized with sympathy" the reasons why a day of action has been called by the Wales TUC in reports. He had made the journey to Moscow in spite of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan "be-cause all efforts to stop a return of a 1950s-style Gold War seemed valuable to me .]

Continued on page 2, col 6 During his talk with President Brezhnev, described by Tass as "frank and friendly". M Chaban-Delmas, a Gaullist former Prime Minister and a strong supporter of French links with the Soviet Union, said that in Paris the presence of Soviet troops in Afghanistan was seen as an occupation and this was unacceptable.

M Chaban-Delmas summoned the president of the USSR-France Association to the French Embassy this morning and told him of his decision.

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Swelling chorus of world disapproval over exile

From David Cross Washington, Jan 23

When details of Dr Sakharov's exile became clear late last night. Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State, made a per-sonal protest to Mr Anatoly Dobrynin the Soviet Ambas-sador in Washington.

A statement issued by the State Department said: "All those who value freedom will deplore this official act of repression against a man who has struggled valiantly for human rights in the Soviet

It added: "Words cannot add to the moral grandeur of Dr Sakharov's enormous and continuing contribution to the cause of human rights in the USSR and around the world." The Nobel Peace Prize winner's fate was a "cause of deepest concern for all free societies." State Department officials are

recalling the personal interest. which President Carter has always taken in Dr. Sakharov's efforts to improve human rights in the Soviet Union: Soon after he took office in 1977, Mr Carter endorsed a statement issued by the State De-partment which expressed the Administration's "admiration" for Dr Sakharov "as an outspoken champion of human rights in the Soviet Union ". Concern in Europe : France, West Germany, Italy and Spain added their voices to the swell-ing chorus of protest. The French Government said-

it considered the exile to be contrary to the spirit of the 1975 Helsinki Conference on

Even the French Communist Party, the only big West European party to support Soviet action in Afghanistan, said it "deplores and disapproves of concerning Sakharov "

President Pertim of Italy sent a telegram to President Brezhnev condemning the arrest as "a clear violation of the civil rights consecrated in the Helsinki charter". In Bonn, an

official spokesman said the West German Government was deeply shaken by the Soviet action and the Beigian Government said it was "a deplorable symbol of the indifference shown by Soviet authorities towards the aspirations to peace and freedom of the huge majo-rity of men".—Reuter and AP. Begin praise: Opening today's session of the Knesset in Jerusalem, Mr Begin, the Prime Minister, said Israel stood together with free men and women all over the world in demanding a half to Professor Sakharov's persecution "so that he can continue his work in the field of science and in the fight for human rights ". Leading article, page 15

European security and coopera-tion, although it would not recommend a boycott of the Olympic Games in Moscow.

Lopez Guevara, the Ambassador of Panama, said the Shah was "absolutely free in his movements and has enjoyed since December 15 the right of asylum accorded to bim by the Panamanian Government." His In Madrid the Spanish Communist Party voiced "strongest protest" at Sakharov's deportation. Government remained silent, except to say it would "for the time being give no information

regarding a claimed detention of the Shah of Iran". The Tehran evening newspaper Kauhan reported that President Royo had told Mr Qotbzadeh in their telephone conversation that "he was waiting for documents to be sent by Iran to the Panamanian Government to support the request for the Shah's extradition", and that "the Shah is under the control of the Panamanian forces of order'

Pars said tonight Mr Qotb-zadeh had repeated that President Royo had assured him that the Shah was detained. No reply: In Panama City. telephone calls to the island of Contadora, where the Shah has been living since his arrival in Panama, are either ignored or answered with the statement: "No one of the Shah's party is in."—Agence France-Presse and Reuter.

Don't get about arrest. depressed about Tehran, Jan 23.—Despite a denial by the Papamanian Am-**4** choosing in Washington, mystery continued tonight to surround the announcement here of the arrest of the deposed your new Shah by the authorities in kitchen. The report came from the Iranian news agency Pars, which reported a personal telephone call from President Aristides Royo of Panama to Mr Sadeq There is more to supplying people with Qorbzadeh, the Iraniain Foreign new kitchens than selling kitchen units. Minister, who is a candidate for the presidency. That is why all kitchens supplied by Ingrams are designed and planned by When a Royo spokesman said Ingrams.....we even arrange for your he knew nothing of the arrest, the American State Department new kitchen to be professionally fitted. Send for our free brochure The Ingram refused to comment. The Iran-ian Foreign Ministry confirmed Way to Your New Kitchen, or call in at our showroom in South Norwood. In Washington, Senor Carlos R.H. ingram & Son, 88 & 106./110, Portland Road, South Norwood, London SE25 4PJ. Telephone: 01-655 4363 or 01-6541726.

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Plans for alternative venues for games not practicable, British Olympic chairman states

By Michael Hatfield Political Reporter

the Olympic Games was seen last night to be meeting with a discouraging response.
Sir Denis Follows, chairman

of the British Olympic Associa-tion, who yesterday received a letter from Mrs Margaret Thatcher, said last night that the proposal was not practic-able. "If the games do not take place in Moscow then that is it, they cannot be arranged anywhere else", he said.
Mrs Thatcher asked Sir
Denis if he would ask the
British Olympic Association to
approach the International
Olympic Committee urgently

and propose that the games be moved from the Soviet Union. believe that, with tion between likecooperation between like-minded countries, it should be possible to hold the games in

one or, if necessary, more than one other place," she wrote. "The Government are prepared to play a full part in supporting arrangements in this country for those parts of the games that might be held bere."

The British Olympic Associa-tion is not due to hold its next meeting until March, but Sir Denis said he would be communicating the Prime Minister's ways letter to them. Though he being alternative venue was impos-

Alan Pascoe, an Olympic sil-

ver medallist and former cap-

tain of the British athletics team, said last night that he

thought British athletes should

go to Moscow for the 1980 Olympic Games.

the seriousness of the situation in Afghanistan, but the Govern-

ment is responding in com-pletely the wrong way in calling

on athletes to boycott it. I

really do not think sport should be the spearhead of our

response to the Russians," he

Mr Pascoe, who has taken part in three Olympic Games, said that he had talked to a

number of British arhletes due

to take part in this summer's games and they all intended to

go to Moscow if the event was

still on. He said that among those be

had spoken to were Mark Naylor, the high jump record holder, and Peter De Kremer, the javelin thrower. He said that

the only athlete who had been quoted as being in favour of a

No one wants to minimize

By Michael Hamelo Sir Denis said he was nothing to get a response within a week, because he flies to Mexico a home and abroad, to get week on Saturday and then goes support for alternative sites for to the Winter Olympics at Lake the Olympic Games was seen Placid, in the United States.

Meanwhile, the division of opinion among politicians over the Olympic Games are expec-ted to be voiced in the Com-mons today. It was clear last night, for example, that there is a whole range of views inside the Shadow Cabinet and among Labour backbenchers. Shado wministers are divided

over the issue, as was evident after a meeting of the Shadow Cabinet last night. There are some who are in favour of a boycott of the games, though they rmeain in a minority. The view of Mr James Cal-

laghan, leadr of th party, is that unilateral action on a boycore would b countr-productive because it would not get general international support and the only country to gain would be the Soviet Union. There is also a division of

opinion in the party's national executive committee. Mr Neil Kinnock, MP for

Bedwellty and the spokesman on education, who is not a member of the Shadow Cabinet, said at an NEC meet ing yesterday that he had albeen against the games being held in Moscow. But an could not forecast the opinions amendment to strike out a of individual members of the phrase in a statement on BOA, his own view was that an Afghanistan which stated: "We do not support those who advo-cate a boycott of the Olympic

Boycott wrong, Alan Pascoe says

Alan Pascoe: "Sport should

not be the spearhead of our

stopped taking part in the 1972

Munich Olympics after the attack by terrorists showed the

attitude of thletes to the

response."

Mr Denis Howell, the Mini-ster for Sport in the last Labour ster for Sport in the last Labour administration, said he believed that the games, should be held in Moscow, but there was no reason why athletes as individuals should take part in the pre-Olympic jamboree, such as the parades around the stadium. Washington: President Carter's appeal to American athletes to appeal to American athletes to stay away from the games in Moscow while Russian troops remain in Afghanistan is, not surprisingly, causing considerable concern for the United States Olympic Committee (David Cross writes).

But to judge from the testi-mony of Mr Robert Kane, its president, before a full session of the Foreign Affairs Commit-tee of the House of Represen-tatives yesterday, it is having some difficulty in making up its mind how it should react to the

In answer to questions from members of Congress, most of whom back the President fully, Mr Kane said that he was op-posed to an immediate American boycott of the games, principally because no other national Olympic committee appeared to favour such a move for its own team.

The absence of an American team from Moscow might be viewed as a propaganda victory by Moscow if other western teams still attended the games,

a decision of conscience like this. There is only one thing an athlete is interested in and that

would also object to direct government intervention.

"We might have appreciated it six years ago if the Govern-ment had said that Moscow was

men had said that mose was not a suitable venue. That was the decision for politicians and administrators, and they took it. Now I do not think we are

" Under normal circumstances

athletes would prefer certain venues to others, but they live with the thought that certain

countries are not as attractive

sponse to the Soviet invasion of

Afghanistan is to say that we

are not going to send a few kids to Moscow. I think that is the

wrong response. The situation

is far more serious than that and it is ridiculous to say 'we are not going to play ball with

Mr Jody Patching, secretary

of the Australian Olympic Federation, said yesterday that Australian athletes would con-tinue training for this year's

"So far Britain's total re-

sa others.

a position to pull out.

he suggested.

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is competing and performing."

Mr Pascoe said that he thought most British athletes

question of jury vetting. Lord Melchett is to be chairman of a meeting on the subject at the Conway Hall, central London, next Monday. Speakers will be Lord Hutchinson of Lullington, QC, Mr E. T. Thompson,

sidering what changes to make to his Bill, which was already substantially drafted.



Lord Melchett: "Rights are

Bill aims to abolish jury vetting

By Annabel Ferriman
Lord Melchett is to introduce
a private members' Bill in the
House of Lords to abolish jury yetting and to improve the rights of jurors.

The Bill's aim is to give the subject a thorough public air-

ing and to generate enough support for it to persuade the House of Commons to legislate on the subject in the next ses-

The Bill would make it illegal to investigate the back ground of people on jury panels and would lay down that jurors should be told of their rights to take notes, ask questions of the judge and add riders to their verdicts.

Lord Melchett, a minister in the last of their services.

Lord Melchett, a minister in the last Labour government, said last night: "It is my feel-ing that the rights of juries are being eroded in a number of ways. Since the property quali-fication for a juror was abolished, there have been several limitations introduced to the principle of a man being tried by 12 of his peers." The number of challenges

that defence counsel could nake to a juror had been limited, majority verdicts introduced and the number of offences for which a defendant could elect to be tried by jury reduced. He hopes that when he intro-duces his Bill Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chan-cellor, would have the opportunity of stating the Government's attitude to the

Labour MP for Wandsworth, Bettersea South, and Miss Patricia Hewitt, general secretary of the National Council for Civil Liberties.

Lord Melchett said last night that he would take note of what was said at the meeting in con-

Labour MPs are angered by decision of their party executive

Report on Trotskyists not to be published

Political Correspondent
Labour MPs demanding publication of reports prepared by Lord Underhill, when national agent of the party, on Trotskyist infiltration of local party organizations were angered yesterday by the deci-

angered yesterday by the decision of the party national executive not to publish.

What is more, although Mr
James Callaghan, the party
leader, has repeatedly urged the
executive to publish all the
documents it has in its possession, a letter from Lord Underbill and an undered report on isson, a letter from Lord Under-bill and an up-dated report on infiltration which he sent recently to Mr Ronald Hayward, general secretary of the party, was not considered yesterday. Mr Hayward said after the meeting that he had been "rapped over the knuckles"

by members of the executive for bringing Lord Underhill's tter before them. at the material and see "They made it clear that I whether it should not be made letter before them.

to pring letters from individual, members of the party, whoever they are, direct to the executive; they should go to the appropriate committee", Mr. Hayward said.

Hayward said.

On a motion by Mr Wedgwood Benn, the executive
endorsed again a report
approved by the 1977 annual party conference on Trotskyist "entrism" prepared by Lord Underhill. Then they went on to discuss

a recommendation from the organization committee that they should reject a request for publication of the report and 10 documents on which it was

based.

Mr Michael Foot, the deputy leader, proposed that this recommendation be referred back. He thought the committee should have another look

ought not to depart from the available at Transport House usual procedure, which is not to the press.

to bring letters from individual. Mr Callaghan said he had also received some documents. He had read some of them and they were so turgid, they

were unbelievable."

Mr Benn declared himself against expelling anyone from the party. He quoted from a newspaper report alleging that Mr Roy Jenkins had discussed forming a centre party with certain Labour MPs. "Are we going to inquire who they were?" he asked. "I hope not." By this time the debate on Trotskyist infiltration had spread over to another decision

of the organization committee that had come up for endorsement by the main committee. That was to confirm the decision of the Oxford Labour Party to expel from member-ship Mr Edward Reslin, chair-man of the Transport and General Workers' Union book-

porting The Workers' Socialist League.
The reference back was lost by 14 votes to 12.
The committee decided by 14

votes to 8 not to endorse the expulsion of Mr. Heslin, but to refer it back to the organization refer it back to the organization committee for reexamination.

Last night, Mr Neville Sandelson, Labour MP for Hilling don, Hayes and Harlington, who had asked for publication of all reports about Trotskyist in il. reports about Trotskyist infil-tration, said the decision on Mr. Heslin was symptomatic of the left-dominated NEC's encourage ment of revolutionary groups, ment of revolutionary groups, Michael Hatfield writes: Commenting on the NEC decisions, the Campaign for a Labour Victory issued a statement last night saying: "Neither Jim Callaghan nor David Basnett (general secretary of the General and Municipal Workers' Union) can regard today's decisions as other than a slap in the face."

Rail union in Corby engineers end Wales to stop trains From Frances Gibb

From Tim Jones Cardiff

Support for the one-day strike called by the Wales TUC for Monday intensified yesterday when leaders of the rail-waymen's union said all trains in the region would be halted that day. Mr Archie Kirkwood, a divis-

ional organizer of the National Union of Railwaymen, said the national executive of his national executive of his union had decided to call out more than 7,500 members. The action will affect British Rail's inter-city services and carry the impact of the strike beyond the principality.

principality.

The strike, which has the "sympathetic acknowledgement" of the British TUC, is a protest against the British Steel Corporation's plans drastically to reduce steelmaking and jobs at the Port Talbot and Illanger plants. Llanwern plants.

More than 20 unions affiliated to the Wales TUC have indi-cared they will support an allout stoppage from March 10 unless they are placated by a more militant lead from Congress House in London.

There was continued trouble at the picket lines in South Wales yesterday and two more men were arrested when police scuffled with pickets outside Cashmore's steel stockholding yard at Risca, in Gwent, as eight lorries left the plant.

At Gowerton, near Swansea, a policeman was injured by a stone alleged to have been thrown by a picket blockading a steel stockholding company but the men claimed the missile could have been thrown up by the wheels of a lorry.
Two acrests were made at the

plant as pickets tried to prevent he movement of supplies

safety coverage a decision on continuing work

Corby.

One hundred and fifty steel-workers stopped providing safety cover at the Corby plant yesterday. The men, members of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, were told to stop work from 6 am in an attempt to force the remaining 200 workers at the plant out on strike.

A handful of steelworkers still providing safety cover are also to consider pulling out, in-cluding the blast furnacemen who are manning the coke ovens.

A British Steel Corporation spokesman said: "The work" will have to be done by some-one else, in other words, the management.

engineers' decision comes after clashes on the picket line on Tuesday, when steelworkers picketed the office staff and managers leaving the plant. Fourteen arrests were

Only 70 electricians and 250 members of the National Union Kenneth Gosland, senior convenor of the Electrical, Elec-Telecommunications and Plumbing Union, said his

in two days. Mr Reginald Kinneir, NUB executive council member said: "It was essential to keep the coke ovens going, otherwise the brickwork would collapse and a big refurbishing job would be needed, which could take months." Arthur Osman writes from Birmingham: Steel workers in

the West Midlands decided yes-terday not to change their policy on picketing despite requests from some to blockade consumers, such as BL, Mr, Roy Bisbop, divisional organizer of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, said the policy would be reviewed over the next week, but the view was "why picket 10 consumers when you can block one main

"We have asked for more pickets from Wales, Yorkshire, Ccrby, Stoke-on-Trent and Tees-side for next week. They would number about 400 to help to reinforce the 170 we already have from outside the Midlands. Our Aberdeen Correspondent writes: Aberdeen dockers yesof Blastfurnacemen are left terday agreed to black any ship-on saftey maintenance. Mr ments of steel to offshore oilfields in support of striking steel workers. That could impede exploration and completion of

wells. However, at this time of the

Strike costs corporation £16m a week

By Peter Hill

The strike by steelworkers employed by the British Steel Corporation, now in its fourth week, is costing the corporation

week, is costing the corporation about £16m a week.

Before the strike began on January 2 the corporation, which lost £309m in the last financial year, forecast that after a half-year loss of £146m, leaves in the second bulk £146m. losses in the second half of this financial year would exceed those recorded over the first six months.

The scale of the direct cost of the strike was disclosed yesterday to a select commit-tee of MPs by Sir Keith Joseph. Secretary of State for Industry, when he gave evidence on the work of his department. He said: "We have been.

given the impression that the direct cost to BSC is £10m a week. But we cannot judge the loss of customers and loss of markets, which is of course far more serious in the repercussions for steelworkers."

But the £10m is in addition to the £1m a day losses which the corporation was suffering before the strike because of the collapse of demand and the high costs of United Kingdom steel members were meeting today

However, at this time of the pean. Losses for the full year to review their position.

The NUB is likely to make or drilling activity off shore.

However, at this time of the pean. Losses for the full year on that basis could be well over £350m if the strike continues. nean. Losses for the full year

Deep concern over Welsh economy Continued from page 1 the future of the threatened to partially close the steelworks plants is not reached "the most

Port Talbot and Llanwern. Railwaymen, miners, trans-port workers, and many others are expected to join the stopare expected to join the stopunwanted general strike was low if the Cabinet failed to
page, which the Wales TUC has
brought up by Mr Frank respond to renewed trade
threatened to turn into an allout strike in six weeks. The
general council is "deeply concerned" about the prospects for
mittee. It led to an inconcluto lead him on the possibility are not resolved soon.

TUC leaders have asked to see Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, the Chancellor, Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry, and Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Employment, to serious industrial consequences would follow' The risk of drifting into an

all parts of the South Wales sive discussion, but several economy if the twin issues of general council members said steel closures and coal imports afterwards that majority opinion appeared to favour a militant response if the Government rejected the new over-

tures from the TUC.

Ministers will be asked to suspend the BSC closure programme until its implications have been fully discussed with or State for Employment, to talk about "the financial problems affecting the nationalized industries, with special reference to the financial basis of BSC's operations". They will put before ministers a statement endorsed by the general subsidize output of British cok-council yesterday that if a ing coal and curtail rising im-reasonable accommodation over ports

Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, would not be drawn on the nature of "the most serious industrial consequences" that might folof extended, official industrial action. "You are way ahead of

The general council is in a quandry over the activities of its Wales regional arm. The Wales TUC has no contitutional authority to call a strike in the principality, but leaders at the courter recognite the strength centre recognize the strength of feeling in South Wales which could gain ground else-where and force the general council to take the reins ranger than leave a power vacuum that would be filled by the militart rank and file.

Tempting the steelmen, page 14

Sinn Fein leader arrested after bomber's funeral From Our Own Correspondent

boycott was Christopher
Stewart, the number 10 marather are best at. The majority of them are still kids at school, not even eligible to vote, and

that so few competitors had it is crazy to ask them to make

A volley of pistol shots was A volley of pistol shots was fired yesterday across the Coffin of a Provisional IRA bomber who died last Thursday in a premature explosion on a rush-hour train in which two Nearly two columns of notices was the Coffin of the C rush-hour train in which two innocent people were also

killed.

The police in Ulster yesterday arrested several people and promised that those "who broke the law will be brought to justice". Six people were still in custody last night, including Mr Gerry Adams, vice-president of Sinn Fein, who was released only a few weeks was released only a few weeks ago after being detained with-out charge under the emergency

The bomber, Kevin Delaney, aged 26, came from the Catholic district of Ballymurphy, in west appeared in the Catholic Irish News yesterday in memory of the volunteer from B Company, 2nd Battalion, Belfast Brigade, IRA: He left a wife and children.

The clergy at the Corpus Christi Church in Ballymurphy refused to accept the coffin, a decision that deeply upset the bomber's family. The funeral took place from the home of the dead man's mother.

powers provisions.

The Royal Ulster Constabulary said: "A considerable number of soldiers and police officers, both seen and unseen, were on duty in connexion with today's events and the results will be backed up with further action."

Several hundred mourners gathered outside the house, in Springfield Avenue, to follow the funeral to Militown cemeters, which was led by a lone girl piper. The procession was will be backed up with further conterts.

Paisley party still holding floor

From Christopher Thomas Belfast

The policically explosive issue of power-sharing between Ulster's two main communities now overshadows the constitunow overshadows the constitu-tional conference on devolved government, which yesterday ended its final session this week. The Democratic Unionists, for the second day running, had the conference in effect to them-solves as the Social Democratic

selves as the Social Democratic and Labour Party and the nonsectarian Alliance Party reserved their positions until the vital question of the role of the Catholic minority is reached, probably on Monday Tuesday.

In a typically tacitum state-ment rso delicately phrased that it disclosed nothing of the true mature of the conference, the Northern Ireland Office said the SDLP, "having indicated that their views would be conditional on consideration of subsequent items on the agenda, took no part in the discussion". It was the second day of meaningful talks on Ulster's

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bad been covered.

Mr Haughey accused: Mr Charles Haughey, the Irish Prime Minister, was last night accusive powers only; what for should be the method of election to such a body.

As to the method of election, the SDLP and the Alliance Party would favour proportional representation, which applies in Northern Irelandary and the Charles Haughey accused: Mr Charles Haughey accused: Mr Charles Haughey, the Irish Prime Minister, was last night accused of adopting a "shame-ful antique towards an alleged IRA takeover of a town last week during a veteran republican's funeral (the Press Association reports).

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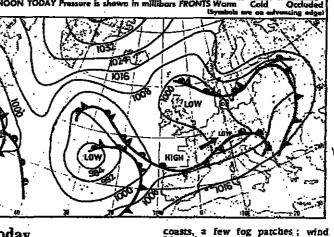
all but the Westminster elections. All that the Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Demo-cratic Unionists, would say was that he rejected the powerthat he rejected the powersharing arrangements as under
the old executive system, but
he clearly does not rule out reports that the IRA had taken he clearly does not rule out some form of special arrange-

vities of rovisional IRA sup-porters at the burial in Tralee, co Kerry, of Mr John Joe

control of traffic in Tralee durment to protect the Catholics ing the funeral. But local jour-indeed. Mr Paisley's party malists insist that known memhas drawn up its proposals on bers of the Provisionals how the Catholics might be included in a new administration in Ulster.

The constitutional talks resume on Monday. Mr Paisley to state his position in the clearest terms possible."

Weather forecast and recordings



Sun rises : 7.51 am Sun sets: 4.35 pm Moon sets: Moon rises: 12.1 am

First quarter: 1.58 pm Lighting up : 5.5 pm to 7.20 am. Lighting up: 5.5 pm to 7.20 am.
High water: London Bridge, 6.15 am, 6.8m: 6.56 pm, 6.7m. Avonmouth, 11.58 am, 12.0m. Dover, 3.22, am, 6.4m; 3.55 pm, 6.1m.
Hull, 10.59 am, 6.6m; 11.9 pm, 6.9m. Liverpool, 3.47 am, 8.5m; 4.8 pm, 8.7m.

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A slow moving depression near E Scotland will gradually fill.

Forecasts for 6 am to midwight: London, SE, NE, E, central S and England, East Anglia, Midlands: Malnly dry, sunny periods, a few early fog patches, some frost; wind W, light or moderate; max temp 7°C (45°F).)

Channel Islands: Sunny periods, occasional showers dying out; wind W, light or moderate; max temp 5°C (41°F).

SW England, S Wales: Sunny periods, occasional showers dying out; wind W, light or moderate; max temp 8°C (46°F).

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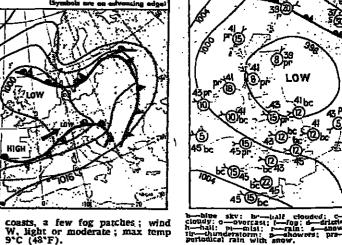
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9°C (48°F).

N Wales, NW England, Lake District: Sunny periods. scattered showers, a few early fog patches, some froot; wind W. light or moderate: max temp 7°C (45°F). Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee. SW Scotland, Glasgow, central Highlands, Argyll: Sunny intervals, occasional showers, few early fog patches, some froot; wind variable, mainly NW, light; max temp 5°C (41°F).

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of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind W, veering NW, moderate or fresh, occasionally strong at first; sea occasionally rough at first, otherwise slight or moderate. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind NW, moderate or fresh; sea slight to moderate.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 9°C (48°F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 6°C (43°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 65 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 6 pm, 6.4 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 994.0 millibars, rising.

1,000 millibars = 29.53 in. igg compli



Lorry drivers vote to accept tachograph

By David Felton

More than 100,000 lorry drivers have decided by ballot not to take industrial action in opposition to the fitting of tachographs in lorry cabs.

Employers in the water industry who met in London yesterday to discuss tactics at next Monday's negotiations to try to avert the first national strike in the industry, were warned by the National Union of Public Employees that there was still a real prospect of the strike going ahead.

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The employers' representatives met at the offices of the National. Water Council to decide their reply to the unions'

ees in the gas and electricity

Union gives

warning on

water strike

By Our Labour Staff

haviage contractors on new two to one against taking productivity agreements as a result of the introduction of tachographs.

Total distinct of the introduction of tachographs to 350,000 lorries

Introduction of the tacho-Introduction of the tachonot to take industrial action in
opposition to the fitting of
tachographs in lorry cabs.

The results of the ballot,
carried out over the past two
months by the Transport and
General Workers' Union, will
be reported to a meeting today
of the union's transport trade
group, where moves will be
made to open talks with
Introduction of the tachograph, which was ordered by
the EEC, had been resisted and
as a result of non-compliance
to enforce the
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the Covernment's deadline
of the end of next year.

The Road Haulage Associathat the tachograph, which
records speed, mileage travelled, stopping time and the use
of brake and accelerator, could
open the way to productivity
deals if drivers could show that
they were operating more
efficiently.

be paid to 59 officers By David Nicholson-Lord Arrears and compensation totalling £60,000 is being paid

to 59 retired Armed Services officers whose war pensions were underpaid because of a cover-up by the Department of Health and Social Security, it was disclosed vesterday was disclosed yesterday. The underpayments were brought to light in an investigation by the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (the Ombudsman) into the case

of a former colonel of The Parachute Regiment
The Ombudsman, in his report, A War Pensions Injustice Remedied, described the behaviour of the department as claim that they are entitled to an extra £10 a week, which they say is the gap in earnings between themselves and employ-Negotiations next week will be the first meeting between the two sides since the unions rejected a 13.1 per cent offer.

by the Government's deadline

Pension compensation to

tion. No action was taken by the Director of Public Prosecu-The underpayment involved withholding an extra element of pension due to the officers on the grounds of rank, because the rank element was covered in retirement pay. Those concerned, however, had received a granuity on leaving. In a White Paper published yesterday the Government said the DHSS had continued its efforts to trace other officers in a similar posicion. In 35 cases no additional award for rank had been made, while in the remaining 24 cases extra

payments were due

Third Report from the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1977-38, Observations by the Government (Cmpd 7803).

Low gas prices make no sense, minister says By John Huxley Mr David Howell, Secretary of State for Energy, yesterday hit back at critics of his recent

gas prices by almost 30 per cent this year. A policy of selling gas into the home at rock-bottom prices and at zero profit made no sense, he said. Over the past 10 years domestic tariffs had fallen by a third, after allowing for inflation.

"As a result, for all the talk of British Gas's big profits, the

decision to increase domestic

or British Gas's big profits, the corporation is now not making any money at all out of sales into the home. A year ago domestic sales accounted for half of British Gas's profits but today they make no contribution "I do not see how anyone can responsibly argue that this patently uncommercial arrange.

patently uncommercial arrange-ment should continue, and British Gas is right in not wanting it to ". Mr Howell was speaking in London at a luncheon to com-memorate the founding 10 years ago of the Confederation for the Registration of Gas Installers.

The increase in domestic tariffs, by 17 per cent in April and a further 10 per cent six months later, provoked immediate and prolonged protest.

Mr Howell said that even after the increase in a least in a least in the contract of the contract in the cont after the increase in prices in the coming year British Gas would make only a 2½ per cent return on domestic sales turn-

Elected second Chamber call by Lord Chancellor By Our Political Reporter Lord Hailsham of St Maryle-

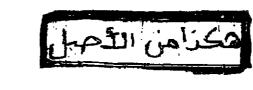
Lord Heilsham of St Maryle-bone, the Lord Chancellor, last night said that there ought to be constitutional changes for the second Chamber, which should be elected, but he did not expect it without back-bench pressure on Cabinet ministers. He was addressing the Tory backbench constitu-tional committee. The committee has embarked

on its own exercise on what could become a controversial issue within the Conservative Party. There are those who favour radical reform by the replace-ment of the Lords with a sec-ond chamber elected by proportional representation. But others advocate reform along more modest lines, incorporat-ing some hereditary peers.

Labour Party policy is that the House of Lords should be abolished, but that was blocked by Mr Callaghan and his minis-terial colleagues when the general election manifesto was drawn up last year.

Animal ban lifted WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDA

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Burelon Restrictions affecting the movement of animals in seven northern counties, imposed earlier this month to prevent the spread of swine vesicular disease, will be removed from midnight tonight.



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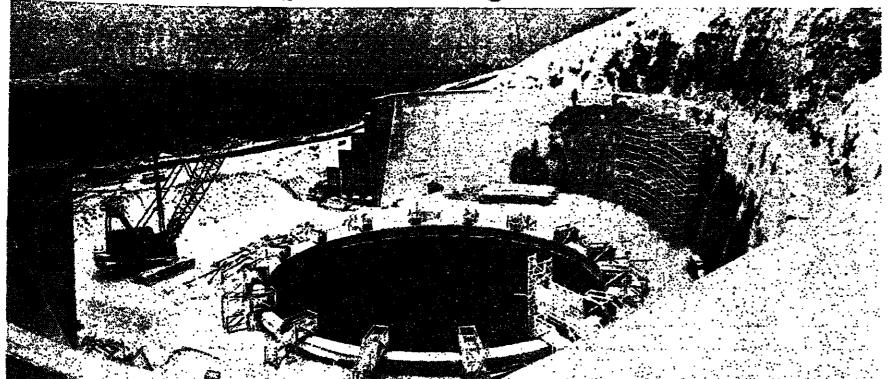
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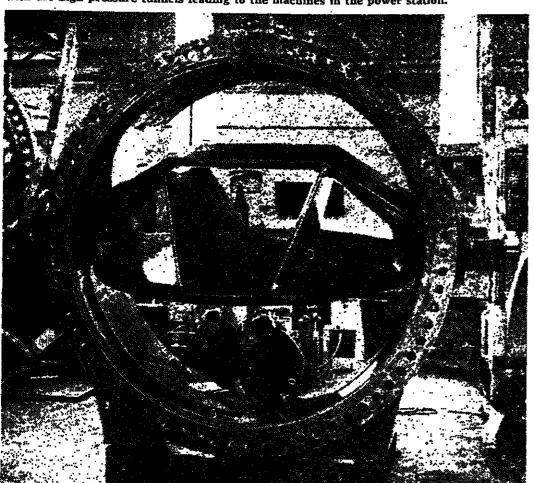
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Dinorwic: Where power will surge from a mountain's heart



The surge pond at the top of a vertical shaft which connects the low pressure tunnel from Marchlyn Mawr Lake, near the summit of the mountain, with the high pressure tunnels leading to the machines in the power station.



Above: Final assembly of one of the valves for Dinorwic power station. Right: The spiral casing of one of the six pump-turbines. The inlet diameter is 2.3 metres.

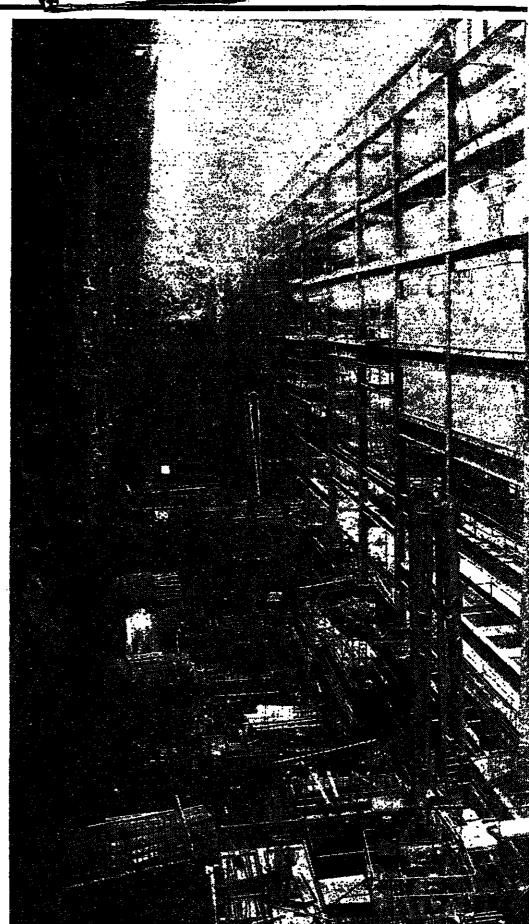
Emergency supply: Deep inside Elidyr Mountain, close by dark and snow-capped Snowdon, three million tons of slate and granite have been extracted to form caverns to house Europe's largest pumped storage power station.

When it becomes operational in three years time, the station at Dinorwic, in Gwynedd, will provide a valuable emergency supply. Should the Central

Electricity Generating Board lose the power from two of its 660 MW turbo-generators at the same time, Dinorwic could be brought in to reach the equivalent output in

ten seconds. Even if it were never called upon to operate. it would save much moneyrepresented by the extra cost of keeping some power stations operating as spinning reserves. When electricity is required, water from Marchlyn Mawr Lake will be released to rumble through the turbines to Llyn Peris, 1,640 feet below. At the end of the cycle, off-peak cheap-rate electricity will be fed to the generators, which will operate as motors, and the turbines used to pump water back up to Marchlyn Mawr. Photographs above and right by Dennis Risley; below and left, courtesy of Markham and Company.





Steelwork being erected in the machine hall inside the mountain where the generatormotors and pump-turbines will be installed. The ends of three of the high pressure tunnels can be seen at the foot of the rough-hewn rock wall on the left.

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Risks from terrorist attack on nuclear fuel trains studied

Ey Pearce Wright Science Editor

A study is being made for the Government of the risks of radioactive contamination that would be involved if spent nuclear fuel elements were daraaged by a terrorist attack. Small quantities of plutomiumnuclear fuel elements were damaged by a terrorist attack during shipments by rail from power stations.

That is the one facet of the transport of nuclear fuel about which directors of the Central Electricity Generating Board an drie British Ralways Board said yesterday they could not give assurances over public

An explanation of the safety precautions for the transport of fuel from nucleur power starions to the reprocessing works of British Nucleur Tuels at Windscale, Cumbria, was being given in response to criticism of policies of the generating board and British Pail.

Doubts have been voiced, par-ricularly by the recently formed Anti-Nuclear Campaign, about the hazards of trains carrying spent nuclear fuels through London from the power stations at Bradwell, Essex, Sizewell, Suffolk, and Dungeness, Kent. Mr R. Matthews, director of health and safety in the CEGB.

of uel had been carried in beavy steel flasks that weigh 50 tons and cost £250,000 each.

The longer-lasting radioactive 239, about one thousandth part by weight of the fuel element, is intimately mixed with the depleted uranium and needs a complex chemical operation to

The flasks are designed to an ine flasks are designed to an international safety standard for nuclear safety. The level of radiation emitted by the flask at one yard from its surface is one millirem an hour, compared with an international safety recommendation allowing up to 10 millrems an hour at two metres from a flask.

metres from a flask.

Tests done at the board's centre at Cheddar and by the Ministry of Defence at Shoeburyness show that the containers should withstand collisions at 30 mph and fire generating up to 800°C for half an hour.

In the event of a collision causing rupture of the seal of the lid of the container, Mr Matthews said, loss of cooling water in the flask could form the most serious hazard. An the first consignment was the most serious hazard. An moved in 1962 showed the methods used were good. No accidents causing a release of radioactivity had occurred in more than 4,500 journeys.

Over the period 9,000 tons water in the task could form the most serious hazard. An evacuation of 300 to 400 yards round the flask would be required under the national arrangements for incidents in-more than 4,500 journeys.

Over the period 9,000 tons

Scottish poll shows a third are against Torness project

From Ronald Faux Edinburgh

Public attitudes towards nuclear power in Scotland give comfort to both sides in the nuclear argument, an opinion

poll showed vesterday.
The poll, commissioned by 17 Scottish anti-nuclear groups, the Scottish National Party and the Ecology Party, was carried out by System Three and published

by System Anree and published in Edinburgh.

It showed that 40 per cent of the sample were undecided about the building of Torness nuclear power station on the East Lothian coast, 34 per cent were opposed to the scheme and 26 per cent in favour.

Three quarters of the sample of 1,000 people throughout Scotland thought the public was not well enough informed about the development of nuclear or alternative sources of energy. and half believed the Government should concentrate most on ways of saving energy.

lent about future development of nuclear power. Almost a third of the sample considered nuclear energy to be essential, but only a tenth believed the Government should concentrate its main effort on developing energy from ruclear sources.

There was strong opposition to burying nuclear waste in Scotland: 66 per cent were against, 11 per cent uncon-ceroed, and 14 per cent in favour, provided the sites were

Dr Ulrich Loening, of Edinburgh University, who is vicechairman of the parliamentary liaison group for alternative energy strategies, which advises MPs, said the poll showed the particularly strong feeling that alternative sources should be developed and that, instead of capacity being increased, demand should be lowered by encouraging energy saving.

Man killed and sons injured in explosion

A workman died and his two sons were seriously burned in an explosion at a site used by Rolls-Royce at the large British

Aerospace complex at Hatfield, Hertfordshire, yesterday.

The blast, thought to have been caused by a propane gas cylinder, was close to an area where British Aerospace is developing a classified air-ii-air missile for the Minister at missile for the Ministry of Defence Strict security was in force and no reporters or pho-tographers were allowed in the plant. The three men, roofing con-

The three men, roofing contractors from Orpington. Kent, were converting the isolated wartime building for use as a data recording room when the explosion happened at about 9 am. The walls were blown outwards and the heavy concrete roof crashed down, trapping the father for nearly two hours.

Mr Philip King aged 22 and Mr Philip King, aged 22, and his brother Michael, aged 16, were rescued suffering from shock and severe burns, bur Mr Patrick King, their father, was along the best here.

dead. The brothers were taken to hospital in Welwyn Garden
City. where last night, Mr
Philip King's condition was
serious, and that of his brother Rolls-Royce use the site for testing Gem and Gnome heli-

copter engines and employ 160 development testers there. An official said the three men were subcontracted to convert the building. No staff were involved and no engine testing plant was damaged, although some debris was thrown 300 yards.

It is understood that three 100lb propage gas cylinders were found in the wreckage and Hatfield police said it was possible that a gas cylinder was responsible for the explosion. Rolls-Royce sent safety staff from its plant at Garston, nearby, to help in the investigation.

Security staff kept reporters and photographers away from

the perimeter fence.

A company representative said that was because of the nature of the work being carried out near the site of the blast. That is the development of the still classified Skyflash air-to-air missile, being made for the RAF, and the Sea Dart missile for the Royal Navy.

Trawler sate

A Grimsby trawler reported missing with its crew of three since Monday was located yes-terday. Search plans were called off when coastguards received a "safe and well" radio call from the Fiona lane.

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"Newsnight" presenter: Fran Morrison, of BBC Scotland, who is to present the news on the nightly news and current affairs programme, Newsnight, which begins on BBC 2 on Monday.

The programme, delayed since September because of industrial trouble, will go out four nights a week, Monday to Thursday, at 10.45. In April it will be extended to

five nights.
Miss Morrison, who was

born in Glasgow, has an MA degree from St Andrew's University. She joined the BBC in London in 1971

Also in the Newsnight team are the former ITN reporter, Peter .. Snow; Charles Wheeler, who was BBC television's chief news correspondent in America; Peter Hobday, presenter of the Money Programme; John Tusa, from News Week; and David Davies, from the BBC's Nationwide

Domestic rates rise well above the Government's predictions

By Christopher Warman . Local Government

Rates for bouseholders are likely to increase by an average of 26 per cent from April, well above the hopes of the Government, a survey in the Centre for Environmental Studies'

That is because local authorities will not have been able to reduce their spending quickly enough in accordance with the Government's requirements, and because of higher tourest rates and a steeper rate of inflation than was forecast, the report

says.

Those conclusions come from a body which is funded by the

a body which is funded by the Department of the Euvironment and is one of the many "quangos" sentenced to death. The level of rate rises predicted in the survey has important implications if it proves accurate. Mr Michael Heselsine, Secretary of State for the Environment, has set a standard rate poundage for next year at 119p, and has said that authori-

ties which exceed that sum sub-stantially are liable to have their Government grant reduced

"If all authorities in England
increased their rates by our cal-

culated amount, then one third would find themselves exceeding the Government's standard, while 36 of these would have ment was hoping for rate rate poundage greater than 130p.

Mr Heseltine had indicated make provisions in their budgets that his earrangements were interested to affect only a few constitutions of the constitution of t

intended to affect only a few authorisies. "Our view is, there-fore, that there will have to be a generous margin of tolerance towards those authorities which exceed the standard."

Another factor is the hidden loss of Government grant to local authorities. Although the Government has set the level at 61 per cent of relevant expenditure, the real proportion depends on the amount actually

spent.

The survey says that council spending is likely to be higher than the estimates and that inflation is likely to be higher than the Government is allow-

cent figure is deceptive, and in fact Government support will probably be down to 59.5 per

From the figures of the rate support grant settlement, the report deduces that the Govern-

expenditure than the settlement "Our prediction of likely local authority budgets assumes that authorities will allow for year-on-year price increases of 19 per cent and wages increases of 20 per cent compared with the Government's presumed estimate of 13 per cent for both

estimate of 13 per cent for born wages and prices.

"If prices do rise as fast as 19 per cent, then authorities could only allow their wage costs to rise by about 12 per cent and still stay within the cash limit", the report states.

CES Review (62 Chandos Place, London WCZN 4HH).

Bradford to curb its pupil busing From Our Correspondence

Bradford council has taken the first step towards ending its controversial scheme of busing for Asian schoolchildren.

The council's schools panel has approved a new policy to take affect new policy to take effect next autumn and the chairman, Councillor John Barker, said yesterday the situation would be kept under

constant review.
The present distribution of Asian pupils to avoid excessive concentrations at schools near the main residential areas for immigrants had been criticized

immigrants had been criticized as discriminatory,
From September, where possible, all children will get places in schools of their perents' choice. It has been a privilege enjoyed by some children but only partly by Asians.
It is expected that this will result in an immediate reduction in busing and in greater concentrations of Asian pupils in fewer schools near the main in fewer schools near the main residential areas.

A new assessment procedure to be introduced during the present school year will ensure that special staff are fairly distributed among schools with the greatest concentrations of Asian pupils with special needs. In approving the new policy the schools panel noted that one third of live births in the city were now to Assen parents and the proportion of Asian nupils was nicreasing

Universities 'must have firmer cash guidance'

By Diana Geddes

The Government's decision to keep university funds at their present level for the next few years will mean that universiyears will mean that universities will have to accept firmer central guidance on how they spend their money, Dr Edward Parkes, chairman of the University Grants Committee, told the Commons Select Committee on Education, Science and the Arts yesterday.

Universities receive annual block grants fro mate grants committee, which in theory they can dispose of as they wish.

coan dispose of as they wish, though in practice the committee usually gives some general guidance on which areas it would like to see

developed. Until now it had been com-Until now it had been com-paratively easy to allocate extra resources where needed, Dr Parkes said. But now we were moving into a period of level funding, and it would be very difficult to find the funds required.

There would have to be a reduction in provision in some

reduction in provision in some areas or to some institutions to provide for innovation and growth in others. The grants committee would need to be "rather more dirigiste" than

in the past, he said.

Mr Christopher Price, chairman of the select committee, asked what the grants com-mittee could do to achieve the changes of direction now required. "My suspicion is that the steering wheel is not

Dr Parkes admitted that the grants committee had no policy as yet on how it would "intro-duce firmer steerage". How-

duce firmer steerage". However, it was having discussions with universities, and might have some answers in a year.

One of the main difficulties was the age distribution and tenure of academic staff, which meant that there would be few retirements over the next decade, he said. The grants committee was examining closely the question of redundancies.

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"Pirate classes": Angry
teachers yesterday set up their
own "private" classes outside
a school at the centre of a dispute over education cuts (the Press Association reports). They urged pupils to desert their desks and join in alternative

desks and join in afternative lessons at three church halls.

The action, at a big comprehensive school in Bristol, is being taken by members of the National Union of Teachers who have rejected new timetables covering gaps caused by spending cuts. ing cuts Thousands of children have been on "part-time" education at Hartcliffe School because

classes affected by the new schedules. So yesterday the union mem-bers, who are staging a sit-in at the staff room, got together to arrange their own classes for youngsters preparing for CSE and GCE exams.

Children given

Correspondent
A report illustrating the
"callous and indiscriminate"
way corporal ounishment is

given in schools was published yesterday by the Society of

Teachers Opposed to Physical Punishment (Stopp).

Among the cases included in

the report, all of which occurred last year, the International Year of the Child, are:

A boy aged nine who was strapped twice within 24 hours

for poor homework: four girls aged 16 who were sippered for having the top buttons of their blouses undone; a headmistress

punishments

callous'

By Our Education Correspondent

Drive to root out waste in the Civil Service

Sir Derek ready to tell secrets

managing director and Spencer and the Prime Minister's adviser on eliminating government waste, will disclose in a television interview tonight the possibility of his ignoring the Official Secrets Act and speaking out publicly if his attempts to root out inefficiency are frustrated by the hold individual officials respon-

On the BBC 1 programme, Platform One, he will be asked:
"If you think you are being frustrated and fooled, led down." the garden path, will you throw your hand in and say so pub-

He replies: "If I was side-I would certainly seriously consider how far this should be allowed to become yet another secret in the file." Earlier Sir Derek remarks: "I am very much for ending secrecy where, in fact, it does not mean secrets, but silence." He believes that no "outside can shift the Civil Service. His aim is to motivate civil servants themselves to secure efficiency and introduce

secure efficiency and introduce change. He says:
There are a large number of people within the Civil Service who are frustrated by the inertia, the bureaucracy in which they have to work. And I believe, and I may be wrong, that if we can redirect that frustration to bringing about change and if we can harness some of the knowledge, dig it out from where it exists, and help that change to be brought about, we shall move as swiftly about, we shall move as swiftly as bringing in outsiders. . . If we can only bring those changes to bear by changing the

y Peter Hennessy motivation of people in the Civil (Joint scrunity with Department Sir Derek Rayner, joint Service, by making sure that of Health and Social Security). make progress. Sir Derek wants civil ser-

vants to be more accountable for the resources such as heat, accommodation and paper, that they consume. He will set target dates and

sible for progress.

The Civil Service Department yesterday announced departmental scruting

grammes Sir Derek has initiated for the coming year. The areas to be examined are: and Commonwealth Office: Arrangements for pro-viding and maintaining transport for Diplomatic Service posts overseas: review of Directorate of Overseas Surveys.
Treasury: Monitoring of central

Treasury: Monitoring of central government expenditure. Inland Revenue: Annual issue of PAYE deduction cards; procedures for rating proposals and appeals; use of accounts registers in tax districts. Department of Industry: Administration of regional development grant scheme. Ministry of Defence: Arrangements for provision of secondary education for children of Service and Ministry of Defence personnel overseas: provision of assisted travel schemes and Ministry of Defence personnel overseas: provision of assisted travel schemes and Ministry of Defence establishment bus fleets; requirement for, and role and organization of Claims Commission; management of internal efficiency and organization. Civil Service Department: Effectiveness of technical services of Central Computer and Telecommunications Agency. Department of Employment: Delivery of unemployment and supplementary benefit to unemployed people

Problems of assessing costs and benefits of bealth and safety re-quirements, and techniques avail-able. Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food: Enforcement Fisheries and Food: Enforcement of grading regulations for eggs and fresh horticultural produce. Department of th Environment (including the Property Services Agency): Arrangements for financial coursel of water industry; repional organization serving the Departments of the Environment and Transport (joint scrutiny with Department of Transport); requirement of Transport); requirement of Transport; per production of Transport flee.

Scottish Office: Advisory and monitoring activities of the Scottish Development Department with respect to local planning authorities. Forrestry Commission: Administration of private woodlands grant scheme and licensing of felling.

Welsh Office: Procedures for pro-

Welsh Office: Procedures for processing of major National Health
Service building projects. Northern Irland Office: Operation of
financial control within the
Northern Ireland departments and
the Northern Ireland Office.
Department of Health and Social
Security: The department's
activities in support of health care
exports; Validation of national insurance contribution records.
Department of Trade: Administration of Pasent Office and Industrial
Froperty and Copyright Department.
Department of Energy: Demand ment.

Department of Energy: Demand for, and resources devoted to economic and statistical advice and services. Department of Education and Science: Administration of student awards. Department of Transport: Ways of improving enforcement of vehicle excise duty; procedures for setting and certifying standards for building roads and bridges.

who caned a seven-year-old epileptic boy; a boy aged 13 who was caned for talking in class. A chemistry teacher was fined £5 for assault after admitting taking hold of the hair of a ing in class. A large piece of hair came away from the scalp leaving a bald patch.

Another teacher was fined f40 after being convicted on two charges of "assault causing actual bodlly harm." One boy he had caned had 11 weals across his back

The most tragic case ever encountered by Stopp wasthat of a boy aged 14 from Warsop, Nottinghamshire, who committed soicide last December when he faced a caning.

Stopp calls for greater public recognition of the "several thousand head teachers and staffs running happy, orderly and purposeful schools without corporal punichment" corporal punishment.". It praises four local education authorities which last year abolished corporal punishment

Woman loses plea for return of her passport

Mrs Gity Milinaire was ordered by Judge Underbill, QC, in London yesterday to stay in Britain. At Knightsbridge Crown Court she lost an application for the return of her passport, held by the police as a condition of bait on theft charges. charges.

The police said an informant told them Mrs Milinaire planned to flee the country if she was given her passport. Mrs Milinaire, aged 41, is due to face trial on a charge of steal-ing a 25,000 sapphire and diamond ring from a Paris ieweller.

Mr Clive Stanbrook, for Mrs Milipaire, said she wanted her passport to go to the United States, where she normally lives, for a family reunion. There was no chance of her absconding, as she wanted the charges against her dealt with as soon as possible. He said Mrs Milinaire had

previously returned from Iran to face trial on charges involving \$250,000 of stolen merchandisc, and was cleared.

£10m appeal for spinal injuries centre By John Roper

By John Roper
Health Services Correspondent
A national appeal to raise
between £6m and £10m to
rebuild by 1984 the National
Spinal Injuries Centre at Stoke
Mandeville hospital, Buckinghamshire, was launched in
London yesterday by Mr Jimmy
Savile, the television persona-Savile, the television persona-

ity.
The immediate result was that the mismediate result was that Mr Douglas McMinus, a retired businessman from Chesham, handed over a cheque for 150,000 at a press conference at Church House, Westminster. A woman paraplegic patient added the fare returned to her

by a taxi driver on hearing of the appeal; and a woman bought for £5 the first of the bricks that will ensure that douors are remembered in the wells of the new building.

The appeal marks the first of the appeal marks the first main move to support the Government's policy that voluntary contributions should be tapped to aid the National

tapped to aid the National Health Service. Mr Savile, whose voluntary, help to Stoke Mandeville hospital goes back 15 years, said that the appeal was not concerned with complaints that the NHS should find the money. tal, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire
"We are looking for £10m; HP21 8AL.

of State for Health, said that the Government supported the appeal and he thanked the initiators. In answer to a patient in a wheel chair. Dr Vaughan said that the NHS would find the running costs of the unit. Donations should be sent to the Jimmy Savile Spinal Building Appeal Fund, Spinal Injury Centre, Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire

Hopes fading for climber

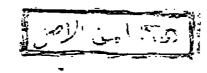
From Our Correspondent Carlisle

Terence Tucker, aged 30, who was left buried in a snow hole Hopes of finding a missing on Sunday, unconscious and climber alive on Scafell, Cum- suffering from exposure. timber alive on Scafell. Cumbria, faded yesterday when a mountain rescue operation was abandoned for the third rime this week.

More than 100 rescuers Daniels, from Monton. Mr. attempted in a blizzard and Daniels dug a hole in the snow waist-deep snow to find Mr.

Man killed by compressor named Mr George Sparks, aged 51, a

lorry drive, of Linest Close. Hatfield, Hertfordshire, was named by police yesterday as the man who was killed when be was run over by a 19-ton compressor at the Redlands Panshanger refuse pit at Welwyn Garden City on Tuesday. The compressor is used to crush rubbish.



HOME NEWS____

Catholic bishops call for sweeping opposition to abortion

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent
The Roman Catholic Church's opposition to abortion, and its campaign in support of the Abortion Amendment Bill, is stated more forcibly than ever today in an unprecedented statement issued on behalf of all the Roman Catholic diocesan bishops of England, Wales, and Scotland.

The statement presents Rom-The statement presents Roman Catholic concern on the issue in the context of the church's sensitivity on human rights in general, describing unborn children as "the weakest, totally silent, minority group" in the community.

Normally the bishops of England and Wales acr independent

Normany the bisnops of England and Wales act independently of their colleagues in Scotland, belonging to two separate episcopal conferences, and the publication of a joint statement is evidence of their determination to apply as much public pressure as possible.

At the time of the passing of the Act liberalizing abortion law in 1967, the body of Roman Catholic bishops deliberately took a back seat in the anti-

abortion campaign, leaving it to lay Roman Catholics to cam-

paigu in public. In a document about 4,500 words long, the bishops set out the human rights case against abortion, and argue that society must make provision to support mothers who bear children in difficult circumstances. The resort to abortion is a "massive and growing privialization" of human life by the community, it says.

views on abortion are consistent with the whole Christian teaching on the right of the innocent

The bishops state that there are more than 140,000 registered abortions a year and describe unborn children as "a legally disadvantaged class". Each such new life is a "human being with potential" and the bishops say the Abortion Act, 1967, departs from a basic tradition of law, that the innocent and weak, as much as the powerful and healthy, are entitled to equal protection.

The law in effect debarred or determed to the same selected and the same selected.

or deterred some talented and devoted doctors, who held beliefs about the rights of the innocent to live, from pursuing obstetrics and gynaecology and other medical fields possibly

other medical tields possibly involving abortion.

The statement also examines the difficulties that can arise over the possibility of the birth of a handicapped child, of a danger to the mother's life, and conception after trace. conception after rape.

But the bishops say: "The vast majority of abortions carried out in Great Britain represent a massive and growing trivialization of human life, an increasing acceptance of the practice of killing on demand".

The House of Commons is due to debate next month the Abortion Amendment Bill promoted by Mr John Corrie, Conservative MP for Ayrshire, North and Bute, which its opponents claim would in effect

Meter count | MP concerned at allegations about control by drugs reversed

versing the reading.
It was discovered when an

electricity board employee went

to the defendant's home a fort-

night ago. The device was not in court because it was now

He said it reversed the read-

ing by 11 kilowatts an hour and

added: "In effect, it means that if you run 11 single bar

that it you run il single bar electric fires for an hour there would be a nil reading."

Mr Peter O'Haulon, for the electricity board, said afterwards: "Meter 'fiddling' in various ways is costing Norweb alone £2m a year".

'Surprise' over sedated prisoners by device in

black box Home Affairs Correspondent Home Office figures show that on June 18 last 42 of 54 women in Cookham Wood prison (77.7 per cent) were on night sedatives, although the figure was down to 60 per cent Stockport
Serious crime squads throughout Britain are searching for the inventor and manufacturer on November 22.

"This is a surprisingly high figure", Mr David Taylor, deputy director of the Office of Health Economics said yesterday. He would be surprised if of a black box which contains a device that can reverse electricity meter readings, it was disclosed at Stockport Magis-trates' Court, Greater Manchesthe comparable figure for women in the population at large was more than 5 per cent on any one night and be thought 1 or 2 per cent a ter, yesterday. It could cost electricity boards millions of pounds from altered meters.
Eric Barber, aged 45, a glass
merchant, of Oxhey Farm,
Threaphurst Lane, High Lane, thought 1 possibility.

near Stockport, was fined £500 with £20 costs. He pleaded guilty to "securing the remission in part of an existing liability to make a payment of £130.83 to the North West Electricity Pages 1" The office is financed by the Association of the British Pharmaceurical Industry.
The figures emerged in a battery of answers to parliamentary questions given to Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk, Labour MP tricity Board".

The magistrates ordered the for Ormskirk He said yesterday: "This is Curtis, for the prosecution, called "an extremely sophisticated device". He said that when it was fitted to the main meter it had the effect of re-

the first time we have had any release of the figures of prescriptions of drugs in any cate-

A pensioner's do it yourself job ended in a gas explosion

yesterday. Thirteen people were injured and 18 houses damaged

in Conway Gardens, Arnold, Nottinghamshire.

Mr Thomas Redgate, aged 72, and his wife Julia, aged 70, were buried in the rubble of their bungalow. Mr Redgate was

detained in hospital with burns

to his face, neck and arms. His

Gas blast injures 13, damages 18 homes

pital, suffering from burns and shock. Both were said last night to be comfortable. The other victims, who were all less seriously hurt, included six people aged over 70, Neil Baldock, aged three, and his brother Andrew, 18 months. Neighbours said Mr Redgate told them that on Tuesday he had disconnected an old gas

cern comes from the allegations

that drugs are used in prisons

to control prisoners." it would perhaps be possible to dispel some of the wilder accusations.

Risley Remand Centre were an

night sedatives, as were 14 of 183 prisoners at Styal.

Prison received night sedatives on Rovember 22, that has been recognized as an establishment

where medication is likely to be high because of the nature

comes as a surprise because the

prison is usually portrayed in

The Cookham Wood total

of its population.

Other parliamentary answers

low an open-ended gas pipe which had not been sealed off. The explosion, which was heard over most of Nottingham, destroyed the bungalow, blew roofs off neighbouring houses and shattered windows. Carnets and curtains from the bungalow hung grotesquely from trees ad disconnected an old gas and telephone wires.

opper ring for boiling washing. The fire brigade said a full

The East Midlands Gas Board investigation was being held.

gory in prison." Welcoming about the prison come in a let-the Home Office's more open ter from Lord Belstead, Parlia-approach, he said: "My con-mentary Under-Secretary of State at the Home Office. It .says that the reason for the fail in numbers of women receiving night sedatives between June and November was that the medical officer decided fewer needed them. A breakdown of the figures for November 22 shows that

disclosed that on November 22, 12 of 174 wamen detained at eight of the women began medication on the day of arrival, a Cookham Wood is a maining prison, opened in July, 1978, which receives all categories of sentenced prisoners with less further 11 within one day, one more within two days, and another two within three days. Their ages ranged from 18 to than 12 months of their sen-tences left to serve. Although 228 of 394 women in Holloway 61 years. However, not all the women necessarily went to surgery to take the sedatives.
One reason for the high figure may, in fact, be that prison is a place where some would be naturally restless anyway Mr. Taylor pointed out that way. Mr Taylor pointed out that a large number of women are admitted to prison because the National Health Service is rejuctant to take them. different light.

Mr Kilroy-Silk's latest figures alcohol used as a "night-cap".

EEC money sought for inland waterways

By John Young Planning Reporte-

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Plans were disclosed yesterday to seek money from the and improvement of Britain's neglected inland waterways Mr Richard Cottrell, Conservative member of the European Parliament for Briston said he thought there was an excellent chance of funds being made available through the proposed common transport infrastructure policy.

Although this year's alloca-tion has been delayed by the European Parliament's rejec-tion of the Commission's budget, the policy is intended to equalize payments to trans-port operators in much the same way as the common agri-cultural policy does for farmers. Mr Conrell said he intended to press the case for waterways on the grounds of energy con-servation, and also because with improvements they could pro-vide a direct freight link by barge between Britain and the Continent.

At a meeting at the House of Commons vesterday the Canals and Navigations Alliance (CANAL), which primarily represents leisure boating represents leisure boaring interests, launched a campaign for increased Government hacking. Mr Anthony Durant, Conservative MP for Reading, North, and chairman of the parliamentary inland waterways group, said he hoped to obtain support from more than 300 of support from more than 300 of his fellow MPs with constitu-

ency interests.

Ferry war puts travel agents all at sea

By Robin Young Consumer Affairs

Correspondent Travel agents are concerned that the public are becoming hopelessly confused by con-flicting claims in the price war between ferry companies on the short sea routes to France.
In many cases the agents do

not understand the price changes and ticketing
Three travel agents I approached for the price of a family crossing with a car on specified Sealink sailings in summer all calculated the cost wrongly. Note of them conwrongly. None of them cor-rectly identified the cheapest possible crossing to Boulogne or Calais on a particular day.

Sealink are in the process of circulating travel agents with a reprinted page to replace the schedule of rates and fares in

their brochure. Sealink have also announced discounts for early payment originally £10 off a return ticket for July or August paid for by the end of January, to be now £15 off if paid before the end of February.

Comparison of fares is com-plicated because there are dif-ferences according to the type of car, the number and age of passengers, and both the date and time of crossings.

A spokesman for the Associa-tion of British Travel Agents said: "We are concerned that the fares are becoming so com-

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Two convicted over shooting party bill

cousin, was given a 12-month suspended prison sentence and fined £1,000 at the Central Criminal Court yesterday after changing his plea to guilty to a plot to defraud the Inland

He admitted helping to hide the cost of a champagne and whisky grouse shooting party at Glenfiddich in otherwise genuine, tax deductable bills. The bills were sent to a property company, which was losing money, and run by Peter Jones. Mr Jones, of Gaddesden Road, Great Gaddesden, Hertfordshire, also received a 12month suspended sentence and was fined £1,000 after changing his plea to guilty to his part

in the conspiracy to defraud the Inland Revenue. Both men were ordered to pay £500 towards the cost of

Judge Marnan. QC, told both men that by building the cost

William Grosvenor, aged 37. of the shoot in advertising bills no Duke of Westminster's they had contrived that someone else would pay

Mr Robin Simpson, QC, for the defence of Mr Grosvenor, of the Old Rectory, Evershot Buckinghamshire, said that anyone who had read news-paper publicity about the case beforehand "might be forgiven for thinking that he was a very wealthy man in his own right. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

"He is not the fortunate recipient of trust moneys or a future beneficiary under any will. The money he has, and every penny he has, he has

The Judge ordered that 16 other charges of false accounting and furnishing false information should remain on file. Both men denied all those harges. The Judge directed the jury to return a verdict of not guilty on a charge Mr Grosvenor had denied of making a false statement to the Revenue with intent to defraud.

Boy with liver failure flown to London unit

A boy seriously ill with acute liver failure was flown 200 miles by helicopter last night to a liver unit in a London

hospital.

Robert Harrison, aged two, was in Alder Hey Children's Hospital in Liverpool when his condition suddenly became critical about midday yesterday. As he needed specialized treatment an RAF Wessex helicopter based at Anglesey flew him to

There an ambulance was There an ambulance was given a police escort to take the boy, from Wavertree, Liverpool, to King's College Hospital liver unit, where doctors hoped to put the boy on a machine to purify his blood through a charcoal filter They have ruled out the possibility of a liver transplant. Last night the boy was said to be "very ill indeed."

Children's home closure deferred

The closure of Goldhawk Road children's home, in west London, has been deferred for a week while talks take place over the future of the seven children living there.

The closure, proposed by the Loadon borough of Hammer-smith and Fulham, was challenged in the High Court by seven residential workers.

Clinic grant plea by charities

A maternity allowance should be paid to women who attend ante-natal clinics early in a pregnancy, two charities told a parliamentary select committee vesterday.

It was important that women attend clinics before they were 13 weeks pregnant, and some financial incentive was necessary, the National Birthday
Trust and the Child Poverty Action Group said at a meeting of the social services committee, sion.

In brief

Brakes defect on crashed coach

A coach which skidded and overturned killing three Hull University students last October had defective brakes, the inquest at Hull was told yester-

Misadventure verdicts were recorded on Julian Atkinson, aged 18, of Tollerton, Nottinghamshire, Stephen Squirrell, aged 21, of Armthorpe, Doncaster, and Burkard Oschmann, and Market West. aged 23, from Kitzingen, West Germany.

Talks on independence for Isle of Man

Talks have been set up between the Manx and British governments on: new demands from the 1sle of Man for increased independence. They are the main outcome of a meet-ing in London last Monday between a Manx delegation and Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary.

Murder victim's burial Brother Lazarus, the Greek monk who was kicked to death by three young thieves on November 19 last, is to be buried on Monday at noon in the grounds of St Mary's Greek Orthodox Cathedral, in Camberwell 1 onder

well, London. £104,940 crash award

Mr Philip Hornby, aged 20, of Gough Way, Cambridge, whose hopes for a career in his whose nopes for a career in his father's business were runed by road crash injuries, was awarded £104,940 damages in the High Court in London yes-

17 pc for BA engineers British Airways engineers voted overwhelmingly at a mass meeting yesterday to accept a 17 per cent pay offer from

Cathedral may charge Lincoln Cathedral plans to charge visitors 60p for admis-

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Detectives get £10,000 bail by car so unsettling. By Stewart Tendler Two London detectives were Letting us 'chauffeur' you there remanded on bail of £10,000 each at Bow Street Magistrates of justice by arranging for Mr Leonard Roberts to make a provides the perfect solution. Reliable Court yesterday charged with their and conspiracy to pervert Inter-City Have a good trip!

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They are jointly charged with
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Der Sergeant O'Leary is also charged with making a state-ment in evidence against Mr Roberts which he knew to be false or did not believe to be

European Community threatened by French tactics on UK lamb supplies

The EEC Commission is now considering what further legal action can be taken against France because of its continued refusal to allow British lamb into France, Mr Peter Walker, Minister of Agricul-ture, Fisheries and Food, said in a statement about the recent meeting of agricultural ministers.

Mr Walker (Worcester, C) said: In a discussion on sheepmeat I strongly objected to the fact that the French Government continued to disregard both the Treaty and the findings of the European Court

the findings of the European Court.
The Italian Presidency and the Commissioner pointed out the damage that this was doing to the Community and urged the French Government to comply with the decisions of the European Court so that progress on a permanent sheepment regime could be made in a tolerable climate in a tolerable climate.

The French Minister was asked

to confer with the Commissioner on legal interim measures that would enable the French Government to comply immediately with ment to comply immediately with the Court's decision. After dis-cussions with the Commission the Commissioner reported that the French Government was unwilling to pursue any of these legal in-term measures that were available to them

The French pressed for a com-mitment in common measures which would include intervention. I pointed out that seven member states had opposed intervention and that we remained totally opposed to any intervention within a sheepmeat regime.

At the end of the discussion the Italian President expressed his regret that the French Government was unwilling to seree to comply with the law and stated it was now the Commissioner's duty to take every action available to safeguard the Treaty.

The Commissioner informed me of the further legal action being taken against the French and I presume that with the instruction of the Presidency and the general views of the Council the Commission will now seek an interim in-junction from the European Court against the French illegal actions. Mr Roy Mason, chief Opposition spokesman on agriculture (Barnsley, Lah)—French tactics on sheepmeat must not be allowed to succeed. Their alm is to delay recognition of the European a favourable sheepment regime for themselves in barters and deals, on United Kingdom budgetary prob-lems, on fisheries, and on sugar

Even if the Commission seeks an interim injunction from the court

in order to make the French com-ply, it will still take some weeks and by then the minister will be into the agriculture price review and the intransigent French will be trying to blackmail him on milk and sugar. I hope be will make sure the French do not succeed. What is the agriculture minis-ters present view on the thinnens. ters' present view on the shipments of grain and subsidized butter going to the Soviet Union? What is the Government policy on this? It must stick in the guillet of the British taxpayer that he is subsidizing butter may unrains in the Com-

ing butter mountains in the Common Market and the beneficiary is the agressor of Afghanistan. Mr Walker—I expressed almost the same words on French metics as Mr Mason. In my judgment the

French Government is trying to create a major crisis in the Concreate a major crisis in the Com-munity in the hope that in order to avoid such a crisis major conces-sions would be made to the French view on sheepmeat.

If the Council followed that course of action it would be disas-trons for the future of the Com-munity. The importance of this was made clear since this was not a dispute horweap. was made clear since this was not a dispute between the British and French governments but a dispute between the whole of the Community and the French Government. It is the whole of the Community that is threatened by these factics

terests of the Community.

They applications for interim measures can only be taken once the two cases which the Commission are bringing against France are in the courts. One action is in the courts and the second which is on the levy will be in the courts within seven days.

within seven days.

If an application for interim measures was made it would then take three to four weeks before the court could decide and interim measures taken.

On butter, it remains the position of this Government that it really is appailing for taxpayers throughout western Europe to provide massive subsidies for butter.

The Community has been selling

The Community has been selling butter to the Soviet Union at 25p a pound which is then being sold within the Soviet Union at 110p a pound. We are notally opposed to such trade.
Mr Geraint Howells (Cardigan,
L)—It is difficult for Mr Walker to In the infinite to the water to anything in Brussels these days.

In view of the seriousness of the position the Commission should reform the common agricultural policy if we are going to save a start deal of reform great deal of money.

Mr Walker—The CAP has a budget of about \$8.000m which is of con

months' delay and an interim in-junction which I believe will take place, that the French Government in the face of opposition from all member states and the Commission

member states and the Commission will pursue that activity.

I am sure in the interests of Europe it has been right to work through the Commission, to go through the procedures and rally the whole of the Community against this particular action. I hope within the next month or two we will succeed in opening this market. we will succeed in opening ans market.

Mr John Fart (Harborough, C)—
In relation to the export of grain from Britain or Europe to Russia, will be look at the contracts which are already signed and under way with Poland and other Iron Curtain countries and make sure Russia does not import expecting amounts

Radical reform of that is not possible without causing considerable social and economic disturbance within Europe.

It is not for the Commission to reform the CAP, it is for the member countries to reform it. Major reform is necessary but is unlikely to take place within weeks or months for obvious reasons.

On sheepment, I believe the French will comply with the law and there will be free entry to the market in 1980. I do not believe that after a court decision, five months' delay and an interim in-

Mr Walker—The decision of the court and position of the Treaty do not demand that sheep producers in France should suffer a drop of income. incomes. They have a perfectly legitimate legal right under the treaty to provide aids to their sheep producers which will maintain their incomes. A myth has been created that the French Government is doing this to defend its producers as there is no other way to do it.

to do it.

The talks between the French Government and the Commission were to tell the French of methods they could use at their own expense to defend their own sheep producers. It is not so that this is the only way. That is why I do not believe the French will continue to persist in violating the Treaty and the European Court. It is not for the interests of their sheep producers that they are

doing this. I think it is for a which are directed at the national burgaining position within Europe interest.

When Walker—No member state has Mrs Elaine Keliett-Bowman (Lan-

caster, C1—What are the means by which the injunction could be enforced if Mr Walker's confi-dence in compliance by the French is not confirmed? Mr Walker—This is the first time in the history of the Community that a member state has decided to

continue to go against a decision of the European Court. There are always instances where a country might not comply with the court within a few days or weeks after a decision. The Community would tolerate that.

tolerate that.

But when it comes to five months later, with the Commission going back for futher court action, and the court ordering an interim injunction on the principle they judged five months previously, for a member state then to continue to act against the law must be found intolerable by member states and it would be for member states collectively—at a tnuch higher level than the agricultural ministers—to see what action should be taken Mr Ivor Stanbrook (Bromley, Orpington, C)—Many people do not understand why we are being so heastly to the French, bearing in mind they are pursuing policies similar to our own in the EEC,

Mr Walker—No member state has pursued their mational interest to the degree of first totally violating the basic principle of the Treaty and secondly totally ignoring a major decision on that in the European Court. When actions have been taken against the British Government in the European Court and when those actions have come out against us we have always complied with the law.

Mr Donald Stewart (Western Lie., Scot Nat)—Many of us are getting. plied with the law.

Mr Donald Stewart (Western Isles, Scot Nat)—Many of us are getting tired of the Minister of Agriculture coming to the House deploring the common agriculture policy, the lack of agreement on fisheres policy, the intransigence of the French, and as there is no prospect that any of those things are going to be completed to the benefit of the United Kingdom would be take the steps which are inevitable for the servival of the United Kingdom and start negotiations to come out of the Common Market?

Mr Walter—In the world of the 1980s with the considerable trading pressures of the new emerging manufacturing countries, of the United States, Japan, the increasing intervention in economic affairs by the Soviet Union, it would be disastrons for Europe to become divided during such a

become divided during such a

Statement

on Channel

No decision has been made on the possibility of a Channel tun-nel project. Mr Norman Fowler, Minister of Transport, said. Mr. Philip Whitehead (Derby, North, Lab) had asked when the

minister expected to receive the report of the Cairneross review of the Channel tunnel project.
Mr Fewler (Sutton Colofield, C)—

soon

Peers seek more help for small business

Lady Sharples (C), opening a debate on the problems facing small businesses, said the Government should encourage equity investment in independent businesses and promote a more stable equity-owning democracy in which every family could look forward to own-ing an equity interest in small husiness activity.

The Government could adjust fiscal incentives to this end. Much of the population could save now but the bulk of these savings was iphoned off into building societies, insurance companies, and so

on.

Why should Britain not also use those measures which had proved successful in the United States since the Small Business Admini-The Government should set up a

The Government snouto set up a special department to promote the interests of independent businesses as the SBA had done. It would be in the national interest to copy American policy and to specifically charge a British-type SBA to ensure that contracts for a substantial part of Covernment, sixth and tial part of Government, civil and military purchases were placed with independent businesses directly.

It was often asserted that the financial needs of independent businesses could be met by loans from banks and financial institutions. But this was not the best way, particularly in the early-tages of growth because these businesses needed equity capital rather than loan capital.

They could not cope with a heavy load of loan capital: by their very nature these companies were

In the United States there were small business investment companies and bank loans were guaranteed by the government Lord Byers (L) said a Cabinet minister should ensure that poli-cies to help small businesses were developed. Local authorities could help with rent and rates relief and

by cutting out red tape and in-creasing the tempo of dealing with applications, particularly those in planning. Lord Oram (lab) said that when something needed repairing in the home the housewife found it increasingly difficult to get prompt service. It was the small firm, which could benefit from economies of small scale. It benefited from heing small because it could respond more effectively than a big firm to the local and personal needs of its customers.

needs of its customers. Cooperative societies could help overcome many of the problems rowards which this debate was directed. It was not just that a business itself could be a cooperarive. There could also be a cooperative of small businesses which could greatly benefit the Lord Spens said not many of them realized how small a business could be to become involved in the collection and payment of value-added tax. To avoid involvement in this exercise the turnover had to be less than \$10,000. He looked that the accounts of a realized to

after the accounts of a small cor-ner shop with an annual turnover of just over £100,000. He would be surprised if the profit from that furnover was more than about £5,000. Lord Lever of Manchester said it was absurd to legislate with only big concerns such as ICI in mind big concerns such as ICI in mind and virtually never take into account that there were hundreds of thousands of small businesses, with millions of employees, on whom complicated legislation was imposed. Yet these firms had not the financial and departmental resources of vast concerns. Employment legislation needed to be simuler.

Governments had choked off the flow of crucial investment funds needed for small concerns. These businesses needed the equivalent of the tax advantages given to the flow of funds into government and large institutions.

Viscount Rochdale (C) said small firms should direct their specializing ability into design, innovation, research and production, Lord Gisborough (C) said schools should teach more business management and try to break down the distrust felt by some in the

enterprising entrepreneur.

The Government should set up an advisory service to help small businesses whose problems could go undetected until it was too late. If necessary, the Government could get the financial institutions to set up such a service.

Lord Wallace of Coslany (Lab) for the Opposition, said it would seem that speculative landlords had moved from dwelling houses to the small rented shop property market. As a result there had been sudden large rent increases impos-ing bardship on mady in a way that would not be tolerated in a hous-

divorced from capital taxation as well as income tax. The Chancellor of the Exchequer was studying the problems of capital taxation. The Government was fully aware of the Impact of inflation on the limit of turnover at which VAT became payable. There were EEC constraints overall on exemption

The urgency was understood. As time passed Lady Sharples would not be disappointed at the degree of attention which the Government and its main departments would give to the small business. The debate was concluded. House adjourned, 7.2 pm.

Road safety prioritydrink and driving

The Government's immediate priority in reducing road accidents was drinking and driving. Mr Kenneth Clarke, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Transport, said during questions.

Mr Clarke (Rushcliffe, C)-Our immediate priority is drinking and driving and in this connexion we

We are also concerned with the problem of motor cycle safety and we expect to bring forward further proposals in due course Mr Dormand—The average number of deaths on the road in this country is 6,500 a year. Would he not agree that if that number of people died on the railways or in aircraft crashes every year the Government would be forced to take immediate and decisive

appailing slaughter on our roads? Mr Clarke-No one is complacent and the figures are appailing, even though improved. I do not accept that what we are dealing with is irrelevant or unimportant.

instruction go immediately on the road?

Minister takes up rail ban on cycles

Sir Peter Packer, chairman of British Rail, to see whether there No one should have the right to

Air Anthony Steen (Liverpool. Wavertree, C) had said that the han on commuters taking bloycles on trains was contrary to Government policy regarding energy conservation and making the best use of resources. There are very few train, the said that do not have luggage or

Correction

Mrs Sally Oppenheim. Minister of State for Consumer Affeits, during the report stage of the Companies. Bill, should have been reported as saying that strengthened competi-tion, of which this Bill was the first step, with a realistic economic (not facomes, as reported) policy. would provide the most effective

Politicians must stop encouraging the public to believe that they could have whatever health care they wanted whenever they wanted it. Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Social Services, said in opening a debate on the report of the Royal Commission on the National Health Service.

He said that doctors, nurses, hospitals and clinics must begin to be protected from the exercised. hospitals and clinics must begin to be protected from the ever-mounting pressure of demand which seemed sometimes to threaten to engulf the service.

People must learn that if they consulted their doctor for every minor ailment or sought help for problems that were not really medical problems at all—if they demanded, as it were, a "pill for every ill "—then they could not legitimately complain if the resources were not there when serious trouble arose.

One of the heaviest burdens Mr John Dormand (Easington. Lab) asked Mr Clarke what fur-ther steps were being taken to reduce the number of road acci-

action ?

The proposals he is talking about, important though they are, are comparatively unimportant to meet the scale of the problem and would be and the minister shake off their complacency and take a major initiative to end this appalling slaughter on our roads?

Mr Frank Haynes (Ashfield, Lab) wait before the minister makes up his mind what he is going to do about motor cyclists who can go into a showroom, buy a motor cycle and without any training or

Viscount Trenchard, Minister of State for Industry, said the position of small businesses could not be cause we intend to finish discussions in about a month's time and then produce a policy which and then produce a policy which
we will follow on motor cycle
training and safety generally
We have had to await the report
on the advisory committee set up
by the previous Government on
this subject.

British Rail, to see whether there could be more scope for flexibility on the arrangements announced banning cyclists taking bicycles on trains in rush hours in the London area.

Air Anthony Steen (Liverpool. Wavestree, C) had said that the ban on commuters taking bicycles on trains was contrary to Government policy regarding enemy density and making the best.

No one should have the right to buy health care.

Over 50 per cent of NHS hospital beds were occupied by the elderly going to Bupa and such organizations for assistance.

One of the major problems tacting the health service was that of the inner city and deprived areas. The commission rightly gave considerable attention to the quality of conservation and making the best.

said that do not have juggage or goods ten space and those are the new computer trains. Although bikes have been based in the goods sure, motor cycles and prams have not Mr Fowler—It is essentially a dialter for the management of British Ruil and clearly they do have prob-lems with new trains.

Mr Stanley Orme. Opposition time of use and paid for by the aged and elderly who were brought year as a great cover for drift. spokesman on health and social whole community through the up in an era where modesty was They had regularly criticized the whole of their working lives.

Britain the kind of treatment they

Mrs Sheila Faith (Belper, C) said the Government should ignore the advice of the royal commission and continue to investigate ways of

Vir Richard Alexander (Newark, C) said mixed see wards should be a rarity, and people should be caren the choice. Going into mixed sex wards did not appeal to many people, least of all to the middle-

They also rejected the commission's suggestion that regional health authorities should become directly accountable to the House. There was a continuing and im-portant role for the RHAS, princi-

pally for allocation of resources, ensuring firm financial control down the line and for strategic planning.

The suggestion in Patients First

pointed out some of the disadvantages of a greater reliance on insurance, and those were neither fanciful nor insubstantial.

However, there were considerable advantages. He had no intention of trying to imitate the United States, but across the Channel some countries managed without denying health care to those who could not afford it.

He therefore did not apologise He therefore did not apologise that the Government had set in train an investigation of the possibilities of increasing the insurance the service although it would be some little while before he could report the outcome of the study. They would also consider the work

The main thrust of the organizational proposals in the Government's consultation document Patients First had been to push responsibility down to hospital and primary service care levels. As it was common ground that multi-district areas had not proved satisfactory in practice, they pro-posed a rather larger number of smaller district health authorities smaler district heath autorities normally covering in general populations between 200,000 and 500,000. They would make for more effective management and allow a better understanding between health authority members, staff and public. The service needed, above all, good effective local leadership.

local leadership.

They did not propose to change the family practitioner committee system which had worked well on the whole and given rise to few difficulties.

They therefore disagreed with

the royal commission and accepted, instead, the views of the professions administered by the committees who wanted to see them retained. them retained.

The future of the community health councils was more difficult.

The creation of more locally-based district health authorities raised without charges.

No other advanced country health councils was more difficult. The creation of more locally-based dinanced so high a proportion of its health care needs from taxation. The royal commission CHCs as well. Their cost next year

that the majority of members should be chairmen of district health authorities would not be an immediate change but perhaps might be made in three or four years' time, after the service had been restructured at local level.

The professional advisory machinery would be simplified so that views of clinical doctors and that views of clinical doctors and other professionals would have more impact on health authorities but at lower cost to the service and with less time wasted by highly trained clinicians sitting on committees and doing tiresome paper work. He wanted to ensure that they did not have more managers than they needed.

The Government proposed to take decisions on Loudon in the light of comments received on the document Patients First by the middle of the year, and hoped all

middle of the year, and hoped all structural managerial changes structural managerial changes should have taken effect by the

end of 1983.

He had asked the new chairman Ate had asked the new charman of the Health Education Council, Professor Lloyd, to conduct a thorough review of the council's work with a view to seeing how it could become more effective in reaching out to the public and influencing the public's attitude to health metters.

The royal commission had endorsed the call for fluoridation of water supplies. It remained the Government's view that extensive trials throughout the world had shown that it safely and effectively reduced the prevalence of dental

Public must be taught to make less use of NHS In Britain only 9 per cent of the population was receiving fluoridated water. Children in areas receiving fluoridated water had markedly healthier teeth and he understood why the commission recommended legislation.

recommended legislation.

However (he said) we in this country, on a controversial matter of this sort, have to proceed by consent and I must tell the House that the Government has, at the moment, no proposals for legislation. (Labour cries of "Shame" and "Chicken"). Rather, let us see whether we cannot achieve better results by persuasion. The powers all exist. We need to persuade people to use them.

On sympling, the Government On smoking, the Government was in the course of discussing with the tobacco industry new

will life totacco industry new arrangements to replace the current agreement which would run out at the end of March. These negotiations covered advertising, promotions, the health warning, and reductions of yield of harmful substances in cigarettes. It was often said that smoking was the greatest single preventable cause of disease and premature death, yet 20 million people to Britain smoked. The Government

Tighter guidelines on alcohol advertising automated by the incorporated Society of British Advertisers was a wise move which rightly recognized the seriousness of the problem of sicohol abuse.

There had been criticisms of district hospitals being too large, impersonal and remote. Concentrating services in a few large hospitals also deprived local communities of the benefit of much-loved smaller, local hospitals.

The Government (he said) has been reviewing hospital policy. We have decided that the issue is one of such imporance that we intend to put out a discussion document explaining the problems and set-ting out the options and we hope this will be widely considered both inside and outside the service.

Labour call for abolition of all charges

security (Salford, West, Lab), moved an amendment to the Gov-ernment motion to take note of the report, to welcome the report and particularly its unammous endorse-ment of the principle that the NHS should be free at the time of need and nationally financed.

One of the heaviest burdens which doctors and nurses and other health care professions had to carry was the sheer pressure created by expectations. People had been encouraged by successive senerations of politicians to

generations of politicians to believe that they were always enti-tled as of right to have their every health expectation promptly and expertly satisfied. It could not be

said too often that this was a sheer

The royal commission had suggested that health charges should be eliminated. They had put the cost at £200m at price levels of a

year or so ago.

If charges were to be abolished today (he said) this could only be achieved by cutting spending on the service by an equivalent figure.

Today's figure could be nearer 2250m. That is the equivalent of huilding five new hospitals costing 50m each every year. That is what we would have to forgo if we did

Impossibility. Every minister health had to recognize this.

year or so ago.

He said that if many of the Government's proposals were car-ried out they would make redun-dant many of the key suggestions of the Royal Commission. The Royal Commission had unanimously recommended that ser-rices should be free to all at the

Mr Norman Fowler, Minister of I time of use and paid for by Transport, said he was writing to national finance. All charges sir Peter Packer, chairman of should be abolished. Private practice was immoral.

primary care services in the dectining inner city areas. He welcomed the emphasis on the commission on anti-smoking, statutory fluorida-tion, and bringing abortion more firmly within the MHS. The widespread use of drugs and

the escalation of drug costs was an tissue which the royal commission looked ar but did not make any form suggestions, other than advice to doctors. This would become an increasing problem within society and some form of control over the drug in-ustry and the wayn drugs are prescrited anuly become inectable.

Labour's proposals for bringing under public ownership one of the major drug companies should be removely considered again.

The health service needed more money. The only service and democrate, way of financing it was through tavation and in return they smooth recover some of the past moderal course again this.

nest medical service available.

proved, but it had to be free at the

Mr David Mellor (Wandsworth, Putney, C) said some of them were looking for a fresh look at a part-nership between the present basis on which the NHS was run and more private intervention which would assist in creating the sort of service that would give everyone in

Mr David Ennals (Norwich, North, Lab) said that morale in the NHS now was much lower and people resented the failure to adjust cash limits to cover the penal level of VAT with all its consequences. They resented new levels of pres-cription charges and faced with horror the proposals for new charges which would undermine the principles on which the NHS

was hased.

The people who looked to the health service most were the bad risks—the elderly, disabled, chronically sick, and young. They were too poor to pay the high premiums involved in health insurance. The minister would plunge the NHS into a new, tragic, utnecessary, agonizing conflict if unnecessary, agonizing conflict if he introduced the insurance princi-

Mr Nigel Forman (Sutton, Carshalton. C) said that Britain was still a good place to live in and one of the because of its health service. Mr Cyril Smith (Rochdale, L) said the most important aspect of the report was the allocation of resources. The north-west region was undoubtedly in need of special help and special allocation of unances.

raising money by other methods, for example by introducing a national insurance fund.

than it was now. Mr Lewis Carter Jones (Eccles, Lab) said much more time should be devoted to the rehabilitation service in the country. Thousands of beds in the NHS were occupied by elderly people who had not received treatment earlier enough or soon enough and were suffering

Mr Ronald Brown (Hackney, South and Shoreditch, Lab) said it was the main thrust of Mr Jenkin's argument that the real problem with the NES was the patient, that if only they could get rid of the patient everything would be marvellous.

veilous.

Mr Clinton Davis Hackney, Central, Lab) said there was no evidence to support the proposition that the community health councils should go. Their role as a watchdog was valuable, and one that had proved fixelf in practice. Mr Roland Moyle, an Opposition spokesman on health and social security (Lewisham, East, Lab)

said the new agreement on smok-ing with the tobacco industry must be tougher than the last one. Cigarette advertisements should be restricted as closely as possible to the point of sale and the health warming placed on the front of the packet and toughened up. There should be no new brand of cigarette with a tar content in excess of 15 milligrams. It should be made compulsory to record on the packet the carbon monoxide of a riggreette. Cigarette advertisements should Both from the point of morality

and efficiency the best course for the health service was to raise money by general taxation and spend it comprehensively on a ser-vice for the nation which was free at the point of use.

Too much trivia before European Court

1974 reorganization but they had done nothing about it while in

We have had (he said) five years of drift and uncertainty which has been immensly damaging to health

That is why (bt said) we talk about developing the private sector in partnership, not in conflict, with the NHS.

The Government would shortly hope to bring to the House the long-awaited provision to amend the 1959 Mental Health Act and would place the provision of the mentally handicapped in a separate section.

The practice of having patients the health service was to raise money by general taxation and spend it comprehensively on a service for the nation which was free at the point of use.

Dr Gerard Vaughan Mituster of State for Health (Reading, South, C), said it was extraordinary that the Opposition should even have put down any amendment, it introduced a quite unnecessary party conflict once again into health.

The Opposition had used the royal commission for year after

been immensly damaging to health care in this country.

The last five years had seen capital investment reduced by f193m which was almost 35 per cent. The total number of beds available had been reduced. Waiting lists had increased by 170 per cent and everyone knew what that meant in terms of personal tragedy for thousands.

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There were nearly 750,000 on waiting lists in the country. This was sigher than ever before, higher than any west European or civilized country.

During the last five years staff working in the NHS had increased by about 13 per cent but the administrative staff had risen by 30 per cent.

administrative staff had risen by 30 per cent.
During this time (he continued) morale has fallen in many parts of the country in the NHS to a level which it has never known before.

There was a need not only for a viable NHS which was available to everybody who needed it, but a need to draw extra resources into health from whatever source was willing to make them available.

That is why (ht said) we talk about developing the offvate Sector

Cairneross on the economic arms ... of the Railway Board's proliminary studies. Mr Whitehead-Can we take it that the Channel tunnel is Government policy? Such an announcement would be widely welcomed. (Inter-

ruptions.)
Mr Fowler—He would be wrong to assume that. No decision has been taken on the Channel turnel. We hope to have the preliminary views of Sir Alec Cairneross very shortly indeed and I will be able to make a statement to the House on this, I hope, in the next four to six weeks.

Mr Albert Costain (Folkestone and

Mr Albert Costain (Folkestone and Hythe, C)—Is he satisfied the re-view is taking full account of the views of local authorities? Mr Fowler—Certainly as we have not come to a conclusion on this, in reaching that decision the views of the local authorities will be borne in mind.

borne in mind.

Mr Arthur Lewis (Newnham.
North-West, Lab)—Since we all
know the dangers of terrorism is
there any way of controlling this
if we have a Channel tunnel?

Mr Fowler—Obviously that is a
point we can consider when we
come to it: We are at a preliminary stage in considering this project so if he can wait until I have made a statement on the Cairnernss report, then we will be in a better

posttion to look at this particula Mr Alan Clark (Plymouth, Sutten. C)—The two principal objectives and probable consequences of this project are first, to facilitate the extension of our manufacturing industries by allowing the ing industries by allowing the products of our industrial competitors in more easily and faster; and, second, to disguise what the Community will pretend is a cut in our contribution by a grant towards this project which will further thair own industrial performance.

formance. Mr Fowler—I have always considered it would be a beater transport link. No decision has been made I will make a statement when I am able to do se. Mr Tam Dalyell (West Lothien, Lab)—Will the minister consider the steel using aspects of a Cannel numel which could be of help in the steel situation?
War Fowler—I am happy to look at that particular point. Mr John Wells (Maidstone, C)— Will be consider the possibility of introducing an early Bill to permit the two governments to do the basic job of digging a hole: Mr. Fowler—Hiftre we come to that, it would be better if hi would allow me to have the assessment of the financial aspect.

White Paper on motorways

The White Paper on the Government's future motorway plan would be published probably in April after the Government's White Paper on public spending programmes. Mr Kanneth Crake, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Transport, said during questions.

Mr Clarke (Rushcliffe, C) said the: Lordon retrieved the M25 ground the completion of the M25 ground Lordon retrieved the higher priority in the trunk road programme and was not likely to be delayed by any point decisions or expenditure constraints.

A large area of outer Lordon would transferre great raise from would transferre great raise from traffic problems, particularly from heavy lorry pr. beats, once the M25 was completed.

ing now members to broaden the experience of the Pay Research Unit Board.

Mr. Changon (Southend, West, Ci--1 have had discovaring outsing rational staff side, and from considering possible candidate. For recommendation, to the Print recommendation to the Francisco-Minister who is responsible for making the appointments Mr. Bruce-Gardyne—This is a moti-ter of some urgency. Taxpurers in

Mr Peter Rees. Minister of State, Treasury, in a written replie, said. It is now estimated that the wild of stamp duty from residential property in 1979-80 will be about 2225m.

Civil Service pensions

The Government is considering those best to unsure independent outside scribing and product the look askance at a disternment of the was ridiculous that lughly qualities of the look askance at a disternment of prince to by targomers from the principle sector.

The inoded ensure of he must be have an investigation by the pay increase the hour following that hour health proping analytical in the 52-45, to of actuaries computation on the private sector. Mr Channon-I do not think the Wr Channon—i do not train, the proposal to refer it to the board is the spood ide. The Government is now considering how promoted in the short-term to increase the number of judges from crease the number of judges from

> Parliamentary notices House of Commons period and take to be the

House of Lords

Court.
The Commons approved a motion considering that any enlar-gement of the court should take

> crease the number of judges from time to 12 and the number of advocate-seeneral from four to six. In the long-term, the number of judges would be 17 and advocates-seeneral number of seeneral number of seeneral numbers. general eight or nine.
> The amount of time taken up he staff cases was incredible. In 1979 there more 1.163 stoff cases out of a total of the Eur. pean Court of

place only if a genuine need for it

would mostly be dealt with by The court maintained in documents before the House Its need for the creation of one more advo-cate-general post, the lack of which at present it asserted, was producing something of a bott-

leneck.

The Government was as auxious as anyone that the court should continue to function smoothly and expeditiously but it had until now opposed the creation of the new What was involved was not one

more officer of the court. With his two legal secretaries and three additional support staff one additional advocate general represented an additional salary and wage hill of £200,000. That was not a small sum. If it was convinced it was necessary expenditure, the Government would reluctually appears to the state of th agree but at present it remained promytheed. If there had been a backlog-"bich wer accepted—during the latter half of last year, the unfor-

cares-general for a great part of the period must have contributed.

There was power to increase the number of advocates-general but, so power to decrease, and a permanent increase was no answer to what was a temporary defliciency, if it was possible to set up a tribunal for staff cases in the near future, this would alleviate the work of the court.

He would not assume a document.

Trather tha trivial industrial religious matters.

It was also ridiculous to have a court of seven or nine judges.

The document was by morans persuaded it was received in increase the number of judges.

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position. This was a situation one must approach flexibly. If the need for an additional advocate general should be established beyond question, the Government would give tion, the Government would give its agreement. In any event, the situation would need to be reviewed at the begin-ning of next year when Greece entered the European Community and in two years after that there would be the question of Spain and Portugal.

Portugal.
What should be done was not so work in horresse, the number of judges or advocates a nerol but to places or appropriate special out to the more sensible about, the points. The date is setting onder at 12.44 they did—important points of law am (Wednesday).

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ork of the court.

They had somebow to reduce the would not assume a dogmand. workled of the court. In the short-term it might be that a further approximent would provide a speedy remode but in the longer-term there might be a case for a more withing. for a more critical criminates of the functions of the court in gen-eral and advocates general in particular.

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COUNTRY LIFE On sale now

Fine Arts Number

CONSERVING CHURCH MONUMENTS Parish churches are the nation's sculpture galieries, yet many church monuments are in a parlous state

and their conservation presents controversial problems. Marcus Binney discusses some positive

steps being taken to secure their care and repair.

A SPORT OF GEORGIAN LADIES

The game of Trou-madame, a close relation of

billiards, was popular in late-18th-century society. Simon Cottle describes some fine designs for Troumadame tables which are still in existence today.

BROADWAY: REVIVAL OF A VILLAGE

Alan Crawford records, in the first of two articles, the

haleyon days of a secluded Cotswold village which in

the 1880's became an artistic colony visited by

William Morris, Henry James and J.M. Barrie.

A GARDEN IN THE VICTORIAN STYLE

Arthur Hellyer writes about the gardens of Pecliover

House, at Wisbech, Cambridgesnire, where the island

beds, lily pool, orangery, summerhouses and specimen trees are typical of Victorian garden design.

rouse of LOIGE Total of Protestina of trains 1822. Here many of them would force to bit, special training 1884 of the High Court they

Signor Berlinguer moves farther from Moscow French produced son may have dealt a death blow to Eurocommunism; but the life that remains in the separate limbs of what appeared to be a single-political body may be more than enough to provide a lot of people with a lot of problems.

Eurocommunism, as a unified movement of Western communist parties sharing a common ideology claiming to have uni-versal value, had really been in trouble long before Afghanistan ever since M Marchais had reached the conclusion that by playing the Berlinguer game in France he would only make M Mitterrand stronger and the French Communist Party

Anyway, his Eurocommunism had always been thought of as an unconvincing, opportunistic imitation of a foreign example. Now his loudly proclaimed support for Moscow on Afghanistan has destroyed Eurocommunism as a cohesive political force.
This will comfort those who, like Dr Kissinger, have never

communism, through some magic, might be come democratic": what M Marchais has done today, Signor Berlinguer might do tomorrow, even if on this occasion, having different domestic might having different domestic priorities, he has come out strongly against

The fact that the Italian Communist Party condemns just as strongly any kind of Western reprisal and does its best to propagate Europe's "third-force", neutralistic approach to the present crisis, serves, after all, the objective interests of the Soviet When dealing with Eurocom-

munism, clear-cut explanations are always tempting, and may the end even prove to be right. But in the meantime they are not quite satisfying, and anyway they are inadequate to explain even the nuisance value of Eurocommunism.

On this occasion, one point must be made clear to start with the Italian Communist Party's condemnation of the Soviet

Italian party's new zest for Eurocommunism raises problems for the West and poses an ideological challenge for the Soviet Union

been a perfunctory affair. Havbeen a perfunctory affair. Having made up their mind to condemn Moscow, the party's leaders realized this would shock their rank and file and decided to present their new line with all the force they had. This has become, for their party, an important political experience.

In order to make the new line more acceptable, Signor Berlinguer presented it as a European point of view, went personally to Strasbourg for the great debate and just failed to convince Herr Brandt to meet him there, but obtained instead a highly publicized visit of a highly publicized visit in Signor Napolitano to Bonn. In Italy every opportunity was taken to present the new line

as a great European initiative of the party.

Finally, Signor Berlinguer provided—a rare event—an ideological foundation for his new line. Ideology leaves non-communists cold, but it is important. In Moscow, New Times had argued had argued that criticism by foreign communists ignored the fact that "international solidarity among revolutionaries in-volves not just verbal wishes of success", but also, "under ex-traordinary circumstances, material and even military assist-

Signor Berlinguer answered cannot involve intervention by states against the principle of (national) independence", not only because "socialism cannot be exported", but also because "the state of the world today is such that any act of force anywhere on earth, especially by one of the great powers, provokes reactions which endanger the peace of the world ".

Union on Afghanistan has not West has been trying in vain to get Moscow to accept, as a necessary precondition for the survival of détente in today's "multipolar" world. Signor Berlinguer preaches the universalization of Khrushchev's co-existence: restraint should no longer apply only to East-West relations but to the whole world, even if this implies a

limit to the theory of "inter-national solidarity". Such a heretical view, which is bound to strike a sympathetic chord among many Eastern Europeans can only auger the people who decided on the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Even if pleased by M Marchais's repentance, the Russians must be upset by Signor Berlinguer's new progress along the Euro-communist road, after a period of lethargy,

Once Eurocommunism becomes a mainly Italian affair, influenced by the domestic in-terests of the Italian Communist Party (more than ever hopeful of becoming acceptable as a full partner in a government coalition), it may prove to be even more of a nuisance. A party that worries so much about the independence of Afghanistan could not be less firm in defending romorrow

Yugoslavia's autonomy.

But Moscow has not yet openly condemned the Italian party. Why? Does Moscow hope party. Why? Does Moscow hope to get something out of Signor Berlinguer's new line, even though it "does not understand it" (as Mr Vadim Zagladin, number two to Mr Boris Ponomarev, said recently).

Undoubtedly, the party's renewed zest for Eurocommunism raises new problems for the

ism raises new problems for the West, as well as for the Russians. In the Strasbourg debate. But this is exactly what the the party ended by voting for

than vote against, its own resolution, even if this preached total inaction against the Russians. Who came out the

It is not easy to see the implications of this event, but it reminds one of what Signor Andreotti told Le Monde three years ago, on being asked if and when the Italian Communist Party might become an acceptable government partner. He answered: "Maybe in the future there will be some clarification. If in Strasbourg the Communists were to become linked in some way with a front of the European demo-cratic and socialist left, then the domestic situation in Italy might change a little."

At the time, the Italian Com-munists rebuked Signor Andreotti for making such a sugges-tion. But now, the Party's new hero is Helmut Schmidt. As l'. Unità proclaims, this may indeed produce some "little change" in Italy's political

I do not know if the final result of all this will be good or bad, for Italy and Europe, although the fact that the Italian party has started moving along the Eurocommunist road cannot be regretted.

But when the party describes the present situation as crisis between the super-powers", as if Europe's vital interests were not threatened even more than America's and as if they could be protected without America, it shows that it has not yet really understood the dangers of Soviet imperial-

Signor Berlinguer's "neutral Atlanticism" may be harmless, and even useful, but only if the rest of Europe shows firmness and unity with America in resisting Soviet adventurism. Will

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OVERSEAS

Sithole candidate shot dead by gunmen at the Socialist resolution. But in his home in Salisbury

From Frederick Cleary Salisbury, Jan 23

Police are looking for un-known gunmen who murdered a candidate in the Southern Rhodesign election outside his home in Salisbury last night.

Mr Oliver Saunyama, a member of the Rey Ndabaningi Sithole's Zanu parry, died in-stantly when two men with automatic weapons fired at least 40 bullets into his car as he was backing out of his driveway. The bullets were found to have been manufactured in a communist state.

Mr Saunyama had six children and one of his sons witnessed the killing. The police and the political world are baffled by the murder because the dead man was not a controversial

personality. personanty.

A party official said today:

"We are shocked and mystified.
He was a quiet man who just
got on with his job".

Mr Saunyama, a schoolteacher and the Zanu secretary for Wel-fare was standing in the fare, was standing in t Manioaland electoral district. A row has broken out beween an African politician and

Mr Brian Stringer, the white chairman of Air Zimbabwe Rhodesia, because the latter is taking a calm view of the pros-pect of a Patriotic Front-Zanu (PF) victory in the election next

Mr Stringer, a former Rhodesian Front MP and one of the most dynamic young business leaders in the country, was speaking in Salisbury. He had been alarmed by gloomy predictions made by the business community and said: "I am not suggesting an illogical, euphoric optimism but even if the Patriotic Front-Zanu (PF) wins the election, as many people fear, it will not be the end of the world."

He discouraged people from making comparisons between Rhodesia, Mozambique and Angola because Rhodesia had a large skilled and sophisticated population, both black and white, a well disciplined police

force and army and a devoted civil service.
Mr Stringer's

Commerce and Industry in Bishop Muzorewa's government and is second vice-president of the United African National Council led by the bishop.

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He said that while no one claimed it would be the end of the world if the Patriotic Frontnne world it the Patriotic Front-Zanu (PF) came to power, what would end would be the Rhodesia known today because the country would he taken over by professed Marxist-: Leninists.

If Mr Stringer did not believe that he must be one of the most influential converts the former externally based parties had, Mr Bulle said, Mr Bulle said those who worked for parastatal corpora-tions should stick to their jobs and leave politics to politicians,

The Zambian Government as refused to recognize Rhodesian passports even though trade and diplomatic links have been reestablished and the border has been opened. A Zambian Foreign Ministry spokesman said roday that the decision stood " for the

that the decision stood "for the time being".

At least one white will oppose the Rhodesian Front in the election to the 20 seats allocated to whites in the assembly. He is Mr Nicholas McNally, president of the small liberal National Univing Force. He will stand as an independent in Salisbury against Mr in Salisbury against Mr Christian Andersen, Minister of Justice in the last government. The Rhodesian Front, led by Mr Ian Smith, is contesting all 20 seats.

20 seats.

Mugabe return: Mr Richard Luce, Under-Secretary for Commonwealth and Foreign Affairs, refused to give a direct reply when asked in the Commons to refute "the damaging report in The Times that Mr Robert Mugabe leader of Zanu (PF), could be banned from entering Rhodesia. entering Rhodesia.

He told Mr Peter Shore, opposition foreign affairs spokesman, that he understood Mr Mugabe hoped to return very soon. Mr Mugabe had detained 71 people in Mozambique and it was important that they Mr Stringer's remarks be released if the Lancaster aroused the ire of Mr Ernest House agreement was to be ful-Bulle, who was Minister of filled.



Miss Nightingale shows her glee at leaving prison.

Released nurse may be home by weekend

Bangkok, Jan 23 Miss Rita Nightingale, the British nurse from Blackburn, Lancashire, who was released from prison here today after serving two years and 10 months of a 20-year sentence for extrempted heroid smuggling, is likely to return to England by

She was released from the women's prison on the outskirts of the city after King Bhumibol granted her clemency earlier in the week. Miss Nightingale appealed to the King in March.

She is spending conight in a cell at the immigration division and must remain there until her papers have been put in order and she has an air ticket for London An official said that when those formalities had been completed she would be handed over to the British Embassy. She may be able to

take a flight to London to-morrow or Friday. As she left the prison Miss Nightingale, aged 26, said she was very grateful to the King

said. "That faith kept me going.

I never gave up hope. That kept me all right in prison." Outcry in Britain: Asked what

Her imprisonment following her refusal to plead guilty at the trial-which would normally have meant that her sentence would have been halved-led to outcries in

Suggestions in the British press that she might not have had the fairest trial and that her prison conditions were bad drew an angry editorial from the English language Bangkok

endless court procedures established beyond doubt that Miss Nightingale was guilty of pos-session of heroin with intent to smuggle it out of the country. Now she has been released "It would be heartening to think that Miss Nightingale and the popular through Mr Andrew Lee for me around the world, recognize this act of leniency Daulton, a boyhood friend, Mr particularly in Blackburn," she for what it is, but we are not

Euro-MP's threat of censure over butter sale

From David Wood Brussels, Jan 23

Severe censure by European MPs of Mr Roy Jenkins and the European Commission was angrily threatened yesterday in Brussels by Mr James Scott-Hopkins, leader of the 64-strong European Democratic Group.

Reacting to Brussels reports London newspapers about imminent resumption of EEC butter sales to Russia and a West German Commissioner's statement opposing economic sanctions against the Soviet Union, Mr Scott-Hopkins told Mr Jenkins, the Commission's President: "I have no doubt that were the Commission arrogantly to flout last week's decision by the European Pararrogantly to frout last weeks, decision by the European Parliament at the end of the Afghanistan debate, it would risk severe censure by the Parliament. Such a decision would be an affront to the Parliament."

Mr Scott-Hopkins was reminding Mr Jenkins of more than one fact. First, the European Parliament, having used in December its power to reject the Community Budget, also has the power to dismiss the Commission en bloc.

Second, the Commission, in its final year of office, is believed by Parliament to have believed by Parliament to have lost much of its unity and is regarded even there as a lame duck while commissioners begin looking to their future.

Third, the European Parliament is already beginning to campaign behind the scenes for a say in the Council of Ministers' choice of the new commissioners who will take ever on January 1, 1981.

Walker pledge: Mr Peter Walker, Britain's Agriculture Minister, promised today to my to stop the EEC from exporting thousands of tons of cheap

thousands of tons of cheap butter to Russia. In the last few weeks the

Russians have been buying as Russians have been buying as much food as possible in Europe, particularly butter, sugar and wheat.

The Russians want the food not just because of impending United States trade sanctions

over the Afghanistan invasion, but also to cope with heavy demand resulting from the Moscow Olympic Games this

They buy butter for about 300 a 1b and quadruple the price in their own shops. summer

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Count of Paris denies part in assassination

The hazards of television programming produce strange bed-fellows. Immediately after M Georges Marchais, the Com-munist leader, with his studed to the aristocratic dignity of the Count of Paris.

The pretender to the French throne was thumbing through his family album, the first instalment of the television

sullies, in the minds of many Frenchmen who are not remotely royalist, the escurnot cheon of the Orleanist line, since Philippe Egalité voted for the death of Louis XVI in 1793. It took some courage on the part of his direct descendant, the Count of Paris, to choose the anniversary of the king's execution for the beginning of the series.

Algiers in 1942. The controversy over Admiral

taxpayers £2,870m in 1979

report on agriculture.

From Charles Hargrove Paris, Jan 23

proletarian manner had filled the screen of the Second Chan-

series on his memoirs.

Darlan was revived in May, 1978, when M Alain Decaux, a member of the French Academy

nel on Monday, viewers were, without any transition, treated

The stain of regicide still

The choice of January 21 was by no means fortuitous. It was designed to emphasize that since then it has become impossible for an Orleans to be guilty of an act of violence in the face of history. It was therefore unthinkable that the present claimant to the throne could have ordered the assas-sination of Admiral Darlan in

and one of the most popular contemporary French historians, with an eye for the piquant or little known incidents of the past, accused the Count of Paris of having ordered this assassina-

account by Mme Henri d'Astier de la Vigerie, the widow of a Resistance leader in Algiers, who heard the Prince saying in her Algiers flat where he was staying: "Darlan must be elimi-nated by every possible means."

The Count of Paris denied on Monday that he had ever said any such thing, or that he had ever staved at the flat o Mme d'Astier de la Vigerie. He produced two witnesses on the screen.

The first was his driver-secretary, M Pierre de Bérard, who denied categorically that the Prince had ever stayed at the d'Astier home, The second, M. Philippe Ragueneau, a member of the French Resistance in Algiers, bluntly admitted that he had organized the admiral's elimination, in order to keep the reputation of Free France

unsullied. Unimpressed by the wimesses of the Count of Paris, Mme d'Astier de la Vigerie in a letter to Le Monde yesterday expressed amazement that the Prince could claim he had never

Coalition saved in Belgium

From Our Own Correspondent Brussels, Jan 23

A skilful salvage operation nounted by Mr Wilfried mounted by Mr Wilfried Martens the Belgian Prime Minister, has ensured the survival for the time being of his precarious coalition Governent, though without one of its previous members.

Three new ministers were sworn in today by King Baud outs to replace the three mem bers of the small Brussels-based Democratic Front of French Speakers, who were expelled from the coalmon last week. The new ministers were all French speakers, to maintain constitutionally required

linguistic balance At issue was the interpreta-tion of controversial devolution reforms designed to change Belgium into a federal state made up of ince regions: Flanders (Dutch speaking), Walloonia (French speaking), and bilingual but French-domin-

ated Brussels.
Mr Marten's own party, the Flemish Christian Democrats, led by his predecessor as Prime Minister, Mr Leo Tindemans, raised objections to a compro-mise proposal, and only backed

down late last night.

Mr Martens had previously won the support of the Walloon Socialists for the compromise plan, which is to extend the transitional phase of the reforms until the end of 1984.

FBI starts big hunt for escaped American spy

From Ivor Davis

Los Angeles, Jan 23 The Federal Bureau Investigation has started a big hunt for Christopher Bovce, aged 26, who escaped from the federal prison in Lompoc, about 100 miles from Los Angeles, on Monday night while serving a 40-year sentence for selling American defence secrets to the Russians.

Mr Boyce, the son of a former FBI agent, disappeared leaving a makeshift wooden ladder he had built in the prison carpen-10ft wire fences at the prison. Also found were some home-made pliers used to cut the

The FBI today said that it been organized by any foreign agents. "We have no reason to believe anybody scooped him up with a helicopter", Mr Tom Shell, an FBI agent, said. However, he did not rule out

that someone inside or outside the jail may have helped Mr Boyce make his escape, which was well planned. A soft-spoken, intense young

man, Mr Boyce was convicted in Los Angeles in 1977 of sell-Daulton is serving a life sent-ence at Lompoc.

the weekend.

of Thailand. She said she had become a Christian while in the jail. "I believe that God helped for me around the world,

she planned to do back in England, Miss Nightingale said: "The first thing I want to do is to see my mother and my family."

Miss Nightingale was arrested in March 1977 at Bangkok air-port and accused of attempting to smuggle 7.7 lb of heroin out of the country.

Post newspaper, which said:
"Let one thing be clear,

Three US stations drop TV series on Windsors

From Michael Leapman

because they objected to the advertising of its sponsor, the Mobil Oil Company.

Viewers in Detroit, Michigan, and Jacksonville, Florida, will not get a chance to see the series but in the third city, Hartford, Connecticut, a second station has agreed to show it.

Mr Herb Schmertz, Mobil's

fables on the subjects of over-regulation by government, the

need for economic growth and for higher profits for industry.

The text of the fables had, he said, already appeared in the Washington Post and other the Washington Post and other newspapers as part of a conpany policy forbade the use of commercial stations across the troversial series which Mobil

vice-president for public affairs, have been running to press their cacy of positions on matters of Was fuming yesterday at what views on these television stations have he called the "censorship politicular, the advancelled plans to screen the cies" of the three stations, all sharply critical Thames Television series owned by the Washington Post. profits tax white the companies of the sadvertising of its sponsor the folless on the subjected to the subjected to the subject of the subject of the sadvertising of its sponsor the folless on the subject of the sadvertising of its sponsor the folless on the subject of the sadvertising of its sponsor the folless on the subject of the sadvertising of its sponsor the folless on the subject of the sadvertising of its sponsor the folless on the subject of the sadvertising of its sponsor the sadvertising of its spons

ticular, the advertisements are sharply critical of the windfall profits tax which the Administration is seeking to impose on

The advertisements are to be screened before and after each of the six instalments of the series, which are being shown

views on these issues. In par- public importance or concern' She said that one reason was that groups which opposed Mobil's views on these matters might demand equal time.
"I don't accept their policy", Mr Schmertz said. "They're preventing the American people

from having access to one point of view." series, which are being successive without the usual commercial Mobil have made a more breaks. An official of the Hartinevestment in promoting the series, which begins tonight on series, which begins tonight on series are sations across the

Milk cost EEC's Paris lends a polite ear to Britain on budget problem From Michael Hornsby Brussels, Jan 23 EEC milk production is running close to 20 per cent above the level of consumption, and last year cost Community taxpayers about £2,870m, according to estimates in the European Commission's annual report on agriculture.

From Our Own Correspondent

Paris, Jan 23 Sir Ian Gilmour, the Lord Privy Seal, said this evening that he had found the same willingness in Paris to solve the problem of Britain's contributions to the EEC budget as he had in the other capitals he had visited. The solution lay mith a forcease in Community with an increase in Community spending in Britain, he told a

report on agriculture.

Forty-six per cent of this colossal sum—representing 43 per cent of all agricultural expenditure and 30 per cent of the entire EEC budget—went on subsidizing the export of butter and other dairy products at cut-rate prices to countries outside the Community.

A further 35 per cent was press conference. Figures were nor discussed in his talks today with M Ray-mond Barre, the Prime Minister, or M François-Poncet, the Foreign Minister. Nor was the A further 35 per cent was spent on buying up surplus produce to maintain dairy farmers prices at guaranteed minimum levels, which are four times as high as those on the world market. Another 16 per cent was spent on storing surplus butter.

The report clearly identifies question raised of devising some alternative form of Community membership for Britain, which has been aired in French Government circles in recent weeks: The minister said no one had disputed that Britain had a real problem. But only one third of Britain's problem related to its budget contributions. Two

But French receipts from it The trouble was that more than 80 per cent of Community expenditure at present was on agriculture. Britain had a small but efficient agriculture and did not therefore benefit much from this

from this. The Lord Privy Seal quashed French arguments that Britain bought too much food from outside the Community with the

discussed as to how Community spending in Britain could be stepped up. Finding suitable projects was no problem. He mentioned transport, coal and regional development as possibilities. The projects could be

remark that 42 per cent of Britain's food was imported from its partners, while France imported 47 per cent. The answer clearly did not lie there. He said that ideas had been

produced very rapidly. budget contributions. Two
thirds involved the inadequacy
of Community spending in Britain. The gross contribution of
France to the European budget
was about the same as Britain's.

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uer's budget plans. As far as Britain was consolved as soon as possible, as the solutions had to fit in with the Chancellor of the Excheq-

Judge holds up evidence in

ford Motor Company is accused of reckless homicide, has made a ruling which could prevent the prosecution from introduction provides the prosecution from introduction of the prosecution o ing crucial evidence against the

in the Pinto car unless he first proved that the documents were not forgeries. Fords are on trial in con-nexion with the death of three

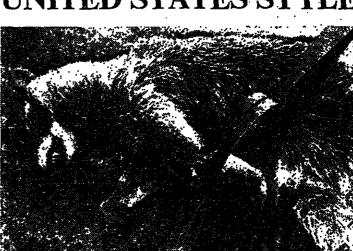
The disputed documents, which the prosecution say are memor-andums circulated internally

within the company, would have helped support that contention. But Mr Michael Wheeler, a lawyer for Fords, argued yesterday that the company did not accept that the documents were genuine unless the prosecution could prove it. Judge Harold Staffeldt agreed that this would have to be done before they could be admitted as evidence before the jury.

saying that his case had been seriously damaged. A number of other rulings by the judge last week placed a limitation on the type of documents he

as he left the court yesterday,

THE WAR ON WILDLIFE-



The raccoon in this picture is pinned by the jaws of a leghold trap (what you British once termed a gin trap). This trap is banned in the United Kingdom

because it is a barbaric torture device. The leghold trap is still the most common trapping device in the United States, and the United Kingdom is a major purchaser of U.S. furskins. Can morality transcend political borders? Should the U.S. export furs to

countries where the trap is banned? Should the U.K. permit the importation of such products of immorality? We Americans ask your help in making the leghold trap as unacceptable in our country as it is in yours. You can help stop this tragic war on wildlife by writing a strong letter of protest to Hon Kingman Brewster, U.S. Ambassador

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diture, which year after year consumes more than 70 per cent of the Community budger. W German commercial radio in sight

From Patricia Clough Bonn, Jan 23 The Christian Democratic Prime Ministers of Lower Saxony and Schleswig-Holstein today announced a draft contract to set up a joint broadcasting corporation to replace Norddeutscher Rundfunk.

The report clearly identifies the dairy sector as the chief culprit responsible for the pro-

fligate EEC agricultural expen-

Norddeutscher Rundfunk,
Social Democratic Hamburg,
the third partner in the NDR
was left with the choice of joining the new corporation on their
terms—which seemed unlikely
—or setting up one of its own.
The agreement also paved the way for the two governments to introduce private, commercial broadcasting for the first time in West Germany.

to run a commercial radio pro-

gramme, The Christian Democratic politicians' determination to scrap the present broadcasting arrangements was prompted by

the NDR and also motivated by

city-state's government, made no comment on today's announceanger at what they considered the left-wing bias of the NDR. A four-hour strike by broadcasting workers, ostensibly to express concern about jobs on

The Hamburg Senate, the Mr Michael Cosentino, the chief prosecutor, was in a rage

ment. Hamburg is challenging in the courts the right of the other two Länder to tear up the present contract.
The prospect of commercial broadcasting in West Germany has caused consternation among the Social Democrats who have concern about political interference in broadcasting, was prevented at the last minute in

Herr Erust Albrecht, the Prime Minister of Lower Saxony, said in Hanover that newspaper publishers should soon be given the opportunity to run a commercial radio area.

Ford car case From Our Own Correspondent New York, Jan 23 The judge in the Ford Pinto trial in Indiana, in which the

company.

He said yesterday that the prosecutor could not use docu-ments to support his argument that Fords knew about defects

young women in the crash of a Pinto in 1978. A van ran into the back of their car, which burst into flames, as other Pintos have done. An important part of the state's case is that Fords knew that the car was unsafe but decided not to make it safer because it would cost too much.

could produce in evidence. Evidence in the first few days of the trial has focused on the

circumstances of the crash.

UNITED STATES STYLE



Israel finishes withdrawal from strategic sector of Sinai with show of military strength

Refidim, Sinia, Jan 23

The positive side of the troubled Middle East peace process was shown dramatically here today when the Israeli Army staged an emotional and spectacular ceremony to mark its withdrawal from two-thirds of the Sinai desert conquered fighting with Egypt in 1967. Today's ceremony marked the evacuation of more than 7,000 square miles of the most strategic sector of the desert yet given up by Israel.

By midnight on Friday, Israel will have formally handed over to Egypt territory up to an interim line which stretches from El Arish on the Mediterranean coast to the barren ninsular of Ras Muhammad on the Red Sea.

On a bleak site which until recently housed the nerve centre of Israeli military operations in the area, more than 70 American-built Patton M60 tanks rumbled slowly past while Lieutenant - General Rafael Eitan, the Chief of Staff, took a last salute. At the same time a formation of Skyhawk jet fighters screamed low overhead. The impressive display of military handware and disci-plines was combined with expressions of hope for peace with Egypt and bitter memories of the 2,255 Israeli soldiers who have lost their lives on the sands of the Sinai since the Six-Day war began more than

12 years ago.
The Israeli flag was carried past for the last time, suspended underneath a single heli-

Dominating the ceremonial site was a huge notice board carrying a hand-painted Hebrew slogan which stated: "We did not retreat—we left for peace." Designed to greet the first Egyptian border guards Egyptian border guards scheduled to move into Refidim on Friday, the slogan expressed a sentiment repeated today by many of the senior Israeli officers present.

The size of the ceremony appeared designed to show the Egyptians and other Arab states that the advent of peace has not reduced the military preparedness and potency of the Israeli forces.

We came into the Sinai in storm of combat and we are leaving in a storm of emotion", declared Brigadier-General Yossi, commander of the Army's crack Sinai division. We are leaving the Sinai with sadness but not with sorrow.... We are not sorry because we are part of a process that we have both prayed and fought

A more cautious note was he addressed an audience which

the Jewish people who fought for 2,000 years for their sur-vival and for peace will not be disappointed", he said.
"Until now we took the way
of war, which was imposed on
us by others. It seems that now we are taking another route, the search for common interests

with our former enemies." In spite of the continuing deadlock between Egypt and Israel over Palestinian auton-omy, the massiv Israeli withdrawal from Sinai has been achieved according to the pre-cise timetable laid down at Camp David last March.

Under the terms of the agreement between the two countries, the withdrawal to the new interim line will be matched on Saturday by the start of normal relations between the two countries—a controversial issue on which Egypt has been dragging its feet in recent days.

The line will remain the tem porary border until the whole of the Sinai peninsula is evacuated by Israel in April,

For the past nine months, the Sinai evacuation has been a constant race against the clock for the Israeli forces, most of which have been rede loyed at new bases in the Negev—or inside Israel's 1948 boundaries. Code-named Operation
Ramon, the exercise is the biggest ever mounted by the
Israeli Army in peacetime.
Since the evacuation first
begun, thousands of tons of
military barrhears military hardware, secret electronic equipment and pre-fabricated buildings have been transported back across more than 100 miles of hazardous desert roads. The total cost is estimated at about £2,500m, sum which is being injecte an already over-heated

Many senior Israeli officers have made no secret of their belief that the strategic cost of peace has been too high. This general view applies particularly to the large sector of ticularly to the large sector of the Sinai being handed back to Egypt this week in the crucial fifth stage of the withdrawal. As well as containing the largest mass of conquered territory yet returned, it also has many high mountains used over the past 12 years to erect a sophisticated series of early warning, surveillance and command control facilities.

These have been destroyed by Israeli demolition squads. All that will be left for the Egyptian soldiers arriving here at the weekend will be a scattering of buildings that existed before 1967, a camp cinema and a mosque refurbished at



A more cautious note was sounded by Major-General Dan Israeli Withdrawal from Sinai under the Egypt-Israel Peace Shonron, leader of the famous raid on Entebbe in Uganda, as he addressed an audience which included most of the comman buffer zone under the 1975 agreement. Roman numerals included most of the comman I-V indicate successive stages of withdrawal already desert during and after 1967, accomplished under the treatry, with dates. Dotted shading not in the security is any state organization.

"I would like to believe that (VI) is the area to be returned to Egypt officially on Friday. buffer zone under the 1975 agreement. Roman numerals

The tourist road to Bamiyan,

about a year. Everywhere in

and taxis refuse to continue

driving outside towns after

more frequent since local Mus-lim religious leaders declared

Jihad (holy war) turning devout tribesmen with guns

fighters, battling against the communist regime in Kabul.

Nevertheless they continue to make their attacks indis-

criminately against any target

in the best traditions of the

The one place where the attacks seem to have more of

a military than a mercenary significance is the road north-

wards through the Salang Pass

towards the Soviet border. Local buses and traffic seem to

be getting through regularly enough, but the tribal gunmen

continue to harass army vehicles. As this is a main

surply rouse, the Soviet troops have been forced to protest it.

mujahadeen freedom

The ambushes have become

Spy scene enacted at South Africa airport

Johannesburg, Jan 23

Passengers and staff at Jan Smuts airport were treated to a scene from a real-life espionage story this morning when Mr Craig Williamson, central figure-in South Africa's latest special agent saga, arrived from Lon-don with Brigadier-General Johan Coetzee, chief of the

security police.

Mr Williamson was until recently an official of the International University Exchange rational University Extrange Fund, based in Geneva, but has been accused by Mr Lars. Gunnar Eriksson, of Sweden, the organization's secretary-general, of acting as an undercover agent for Pretoria.

Mr Eriksson says Mr William son has done great damage to the IEUF, as he was practically running its activities and net-work of contacts in South

they have reports from Britain that Mr Williamson has information which coudid be "dynamite", endangering organizations and individuals involved

tions and individuels involved in liberation movements and refugee and welfare work.

At the sirport Mr Williamson tried to evade waiting reporters and photographers by pretending to be an alling old man, with his collar turned up and hat pulled over his face. He limped slowly down a startuse, supported by an air hosters.

His act was unsuccessful the exit from the costoms hell he walked out normally but refused to answer questions on whether he had returned to South Africa voluntarily or was under errest.

at the University of the Wit-watersrand in the early 1970s, and in 1973-74 was treasurer of and in 1973-74 was treasurer of the Student's Representative Council. His fellow executive members included the vice-president, Mr Arthur McGiven, who has since declared himself to have been a agent of Boss (she former Bureau of State Security) and Lieutenant Derek Rume, also a security milice Brune, also a security police

Mr Glen Moss, the council president at the time, and Mr Cedric de Beer, the secretary were later charged with offences under the suppression of Communism Act, tried and

The Rand Daily Mail, which publishes a picture of the five men together in a group of six, also quotes Professor G. R. Bozzofi, former Chancellor of the University, as saying that he was not surprised by reports that the former student treasurer was a captain in the

security police. A meeting was being Held at the university tonight at which all students' council members were being asked to make affidavits stating that they were not in the security police or

A San Salvador journalist appeals for ceasefire as wounded man is carried to safety.

'Izvestia' onslaught on dissident leader

Centinued from page 1 gainst the country. The news paper accused him of a direct betrayal of the interests of the

Calling Dr Sakharov a " rabid opponent of the socialist system" a commentator said he had slid into the foulest quagmire of reaction". Anticommunists made a lot of his name because they saw in him a convenient figure for ideological subversion.

Izvestia said he was "an ex-

tremely vain and conceited person" who became tired of theoretical physics and decided to seek prominence in politics. He propounded the horren-dously absurd" idea that to remove the threat of nuclear war socialism should surrender

to imperialism.

The paper said the West put out feelers to Dr Sakharov, who began unofficially meeting Western, mainly American diplomats who were interested in his former work relating to Soviet defence.
"During meetings with them

Sakharov repeatedly blurted out things which any state protects as an important secret." There then began what the paper called a stream of all sorts of slanderous documents, statements, appeals and pro-tests on whose bisis Western radio stations engaged in psychological proface pro-duced hundreds of anti-Spriet programmes.

The paper accused Dr Sakharov of surpassing in his real even the worst American hawks in urging the Americans to increase their armeli forces.

The Robel Prize was awarded to Sakharov in 1975 not for any scientific discovery. coveries but for the 'discovery' made in the West that he is a

fierce anti-Sovietist." Nowhere does the paper mention where Dr. Sakharov has been sent. The aim of exiling tim, as the Russians have made

Western communist sources suggest that Dr Sakharo may be offered a reasonably comfortable flat. He still receives a sizable monthly salary as an academician. And there is a reliable report that if Dr Sakharov observes the condi-tions of isolation in Gorky he

If that is the case. Dr Sak-harov in fact is being offered another last change to curb his The timing of the move against him may have been prompted by an interview he

Extracts from Dr Sakharov's interview were broadcast in America on Friday. At a time when the Russians must be increasingly worried by the gathering momentum in the

Mr Bush's troops march hopefully to next battle after Iowa victory

From Patrick Brogan Des Moines, Jan 23

As the peace of winter set-tled over Iowa yesterday, the blinds were drawn in the offices of the various candidates whose workers packed away their electric letter writers and their card indexes of names. The people in the headquarters of Mr Ronald Reagan were still in

a state of shock.

"I set myself the task of getting out of here last night without crying and I managed it," one woman said. A very senior member of the staff, asked what he would do next " I'll either go to Pennsylvania or Illinois, if I stay on the campaign."

Asked what he meant by that, he said bluntly that he was considering an offer of a job from industry. Candidates' staff do not join industry if they think that their man has a chance of winning. Senator Howard Baker's

people were much more cheerful, though it was hard to see why. Mr Baker won 13 per cent of the vote, finishing a poor third. Despite the evidence of lowa, they claim that their man is more "electable" than Mr George Bush.
Their cheerfulness may have

been due, in part, to the fact that they were for the most part local volunteers, or seconded from the office of Mr Robert Ray, Governor of Iowa, They had been pulled in a month ago, to save the Baker campaign from disaster, and reck-oned that they had succeeded.

Even the most morbid of reporters would stay away from the headquarters of Senator Robert Dole—he was lucky to bear "uncommitted" and won barely 2 per cent of the vote. He will have to ennounce his withdrawal from the campaign in the next fortnight, because he must file for reelection as

Meanwhile, Mr George Busk's office is marching hopefully to-wards the next battles, leaving a mopping up party here. There are conventions to be attended in Iowa, at which the Bush forces will take care to squeeze out all their rivals to win all lowa's delegates to the marional convention. It is a cheerful atmosphere, already bearing many of the trappings of a presidential campaign.

Mr Reagan's campaign was desperately wounded in Iowa, and so was Senator Kennedy's. Some at least of the trappings of glory are afready falling away from the Senator. He no longer travels in a chartered Boeing 707 with a huge comple-ment of reporters and television cameramen. When he started, he had two such aircraft. Now he has a much smaller one, to

he has a much smaller one, to fly around New England. He assumes that Mr Carter's present popularity will not lest. (There has already been a drop in the President's rating in the Gallup Poll.) He also assumes that if the Kennedy campaign can survive its early disesters. can survive its early disasters. he will be able to mount a serious challenge in the spring.

were apparent in the caucuses themselves, on Monday night in Grinnell the turnout was aston-ishing (about 115,000 Republiacross the state).

In one Grinnell caucus, in a private house, half a dozen people had turned up in 1976. On Monday, there were 55. Two wanted to be "uncommitted". The President got 28 of the remainder, Senator Kennedy 25.

In another house across town, the vote was 52 for the Presi dent, 30 for Mr Keunedy and 15 uncommitted. When the count was over, delegates were shared out proportionately, equal num-bers of men and women, and enthusiasts could turn to dis-cussing the terms of platform county conventions.

The first concerned turning disused railway tracks into bicycle paths, and passed. The second, a resolution on repro-ductive freedom for females was abandoned.

The caucus approved without vast enthusiasm a simpler resolution calling for state funded abortions for the poor, They were jolly and good humoured gatherings. The Republican caucuses had been equally friendly.

Grass roots democracy is alive and well in lows, nurtured by the sweet waters of publicity. Party leaders hope that the habits of a lifetime's apathy have bee abroken and that there will be a political revival here.

Search for two ambushed TUC warning on danger German lorry drivers

From Ian Murray Kabul, Jan 23

with its two famous rock Buddhas, has been closed for West German Embassy offi-cials are still trying to discover the fate of two German lorry the country drivers are warned against travelling on their own, drivers whose vehicles were ambushed and burnt at the entrance to Kabul Gorge on Sunday night. Local Afghan authorities, who were slow to start an investigation believe the men could be held for ransom by tribesmen. The lorries and

boulders, which were rolled into the road to stop them, have not yet been cleared away. The burnt-out cars seem to bear no traces of bullet holes, indicating that the men might have been taken prisoner rather than shot

Embassy officials are astonished that the leading driver, Herr Wolfgang Hartee should have attempted to drive through the gorge after nightfall. He is very experienced in the region and knows that the gorge is one of the places liable to attack by bandits. On a previous trip some months ago he had been held up but had talked his way out of trouble. The road through the gorge, which links Kabul with the Pakistan border at the Khyber Pass, is only one which has become increasingly unsafe in recent months. Traffic between Gazzi and Kandahar moves in convoys escorted by Afghan Army units. Here and there along the way are the burnt-out hulks of vehicles whose drivers have tried to make the journey

Afghanistan,

Moscow allows **BBC** broadcasts conductor more news to to emigrate Russia and Iran

By Martin Huckerby By Kenneth Gosling
The BBC last night stepped A leading Soviet conductor up its broadcasts in Russian to the Soviet Union. Two extra transmissions of 15 minutes daily will go out at 6.45 pm and midnight Moscow time.

Each of the bulletins, which together symplement the exist-Neeme Jarvi, who last year applied to emigrate and immediately lost his post as chief conductor of the Estonian State Symphony Orchestra, has been allowed to leave the Soviet together supplement the exist-ing five hours of broadcasts, will contain world news. The Mr Jarvi, an Estonian, left for Vienna with his wife and three children. However he had additional programmes were arranged after discussions be-

tween the Foreign Office and the BEC. new travel and citizenship documents, and was therefore unable to appear in Britain for ler, BBC European Services, said: "At times of internaconcerts in Birmingham and Bristol with the City of Birmsaid: "At times of interna-tional tension, the Soviet pubingham Symphony Orchestra last week, and in Weymouth, lic turns more than ever to foreign radio stations for news of what is happening in the Bournemouth and Southampton with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra this week. The BBC is also to broad-It is understood that Mr cast from today an extra 30 minutes in Farsi for listeners Jarvi may eventually go to the United States, where has has conducted in the past with in parts of Russia, Iran and

great success.

of cold war revival

By Donald MacLintyre Labour Reporter

The Trades Union Congress vesterday added its voice to the condemnation of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan saying that Soviet military intervention could "only harm progress could rowards détente."

The TUC statement which supported the United Nations call for the "immediate withdrawal of foreign troops from Afghanistan", was prepared in advance of yesterday's General Council meeting and endorsed

without dissent.

The significance of the move was underlined by the comment that "the task of countering the rivival of cold war propaganda entrusted to the General Council by Congress has been made more difficult

by the intervention."
The General Council however stopped short of asking affilia-ted unions to review their own fraternal relations with trade union bodies inside the Soviet Union. Britain's second biggest union, the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, cut off such relations in 1978 in pro-test at the treatment of dissidents.

It is the highest main road in Afghanistan, and ideal ambush country. It is difficult for the Turkish uneasiness: Mr Hayrettin Erkmen, the Turkish Foreign Minister, yesterday called for a total withdrawal of Soviet troops to use their Soviet troops to use their superior firepower and air cover there without producing an avalanche that could endanger the road itself.

The tribal gunmen must, therefore, feel relatively safe in the pass to keep up their harassment, using traditional handle hit seed your methods. Soviet troops from Afghanistan as "the only way to reestablish detente in the world" (Our Ankara Correspondent writes).
Turkey shared the uneasiness
felt by the regional countries
in general and "Pakistan in bandit hit and run methods. particular" after the Soviet

intervention. Turkey did not see eye-to-eye with the Soviet Union concerning the legality of this intervention.

Andrew Peacock, the Australian Foreign Minister, and Mr Peter Blaker, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, left Kuala Lumpur yesterday on their mission of sounding out South and South-East Asian views on the Soviet invasion (our Kuala Lumpur correspondent writes).

aggressive designs against Yugoslavia whether President

by the Bulgarian Government, delivered in Atheus.

The Greek Government has been relying heavily on its successful policy of detente in the Balkans to offset the disadvantages of its prolonged, and now enforced, alienation from the military machine of Nato.

South-East Asia tows: Mr Mr Peacock told a press conference before leaving for Singapore, Manila, Delhi, Islamabad, Bangkok and

Jakarta, that Australia did not envisage a military role in meeting any request for aid "We think we can help out best in providing food for the nearly 500,000 Afghan refugees now in Pakistan, but we will consider every request, includ-ing military, sympathetically ". Bulgarian assurance: The Bulgarian Government reassured Greece yesterday that there were no Soviet troops in Bulgaria and that it nursed no

Tito remained in charge or not (Mario Modiane writes from The assurances were con-tained in a formal declaration

clear, is to cut him off from foreigners—Gorkiy is a closed town to foreigners—and fellow dissidents. But Dr Sakharov is unknown to almost any Russian from his appearance. He has never been finned or shown in pictures. In Gorkiy he and his wife will be able to lead an anonymous life.

might be allowed to return to Moscow after the Olympics.

prompted by an interview he gave last week to the American television network. ABC in which he supported President Carter's call for an Olympics boycott and said the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan "violated the principles of international rights."

gathering momentum in the West for an Olympic boycott, this was probably the final

Voters will write in their choice on ballot paper

God's name invoked as Iranians get first chance of presidential vote

From Harvey Morris of Reuners .

On hallot papers which invoke the name of God, but not those of the candidates, Francis will on Friday cast their votes for the first President in the history of their country.
With more than 100 candi-

dates originally in the race, the Interior Ministry side stepped the issue of listing them all on the ballot by leaving a blank space for voters to write in their For the more than 50 per cent of adult Iranians who are illiterate, this will mean calling

on the help of their local mullah or perhaps an electoral official to cast their ballor for them. The possibilities for fraud, which the procedire implies, might have been expected to cause uproar among the electorate. But Iranians are so enclused about the prospect of making the first real elec-toral choice of their lifetime that they seem bappy to trust The authorities have whittled

down the original list of candidates to an official eight who are allowed broadcasting time to present their electoral programmes. But votes for the outsiders will be duly counted.

The top eight all fulfil the basic requirements for election mask requirements for electron—they are men, they are Shia Muslims and they enjoy the confidence, or so they tell their election audiences, of Iran's revolutionary leader, the Ayatollah Khomeini.

The candidate elected President The candidate elected Presi- elected on the first round.

dent for the next four years will have the authority to nominate the Prime Minister, sign nate the Frime Munister, sign treaties and international agreements and send back proposed legislation to the Cabinet. But on paper his powers pale in comparison with those of Ayatollah Khomeini, who has the power to dismiss him and exceeds him in authority over the armed forces and the law. the armed forces and the law. The official candidates are:

Mr Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, French-trained economist and proponent of nationalization; Mr Hassan Habibi, who has dergy backing as well as close contacts with centrist politi-cians; Admiral Ahmad Madani, former naval commander and favourite of the middle classes; Mr Dariush Forouhar, right-wing national-ist jailed under the Shah's regime, Mr Sadeo Qotbzadeb, the Foreign Minister who returned from exile with Ayatoollah Khomeini; Mr Sadeq Aabatabai, former government the ayatolish; Mr Kazem Sami, former Health Minister who enjoys some support among left-wing and tadical Islamic groups; and Mr Hassan Ayat, a member of the Central Committee of the Islamic Republican Party.

The election looks like being

a three-cornered fight between Mr Bani-Sadr, Mr Habibi and Admiral Madani. Mr Bani-Sadr, the Finance Minister, has said he is confident he will receive more than 50 per cent of the votes cast on Friday and so be

If no clear winner emerges the two leading candidates will go forward to a run-off on February S.

Mr Habibi has the support of 11/1/11 the important clerical societies the important clerical societies around the country who exert a strong influence on village mullains and hence on the electrorate. But in an election in which ideological differences are thin and personality is everything, Mr Habibi seems unlikely to match the charisma of a Bani-Sadr or a Madani.

Mr Bani-Sadr is comparing

Mr Bani-Sadr is campaigning on his plans to revive the econonly with a unique programme combining revolutionary theory and Koranic law. He has a microfilmed filing system which relates all aspects of economic life to the appropriate verses of the Koran. While an outspoken anti-American, a prerequisite for the holder of Iran's highest elective office, he showed dur-ing his brief tenure at the Foreign Ministry last November that he felt the United States Embassy hostage affair a misguided adventure.

Admiral Madani projects the aura of potential strongman, an image based on his successful if ruthless crushing of Arab unrest in the southern province of Khuzestan. His critics, par-ticularly on the left, have hinted they have documents kinking him with counter revolution but he has so far sur-vived the recent purge of centrist politicians and will prob-ably capture the bulk of the middle class and secular vote.

Victorian defenders of the Raj enjoy a new popularity in Pakistan empires depart that the lessons was himself ambushed by the of these old books have Pathans in the Malakand hills coil of barbed wire that snakes takion, the Baluch Regiment, and acquired a rather frightening to the north of here. Wr. Durand's frontier, a thin mental crest of the 2nd Batter of the coil of barbed wire that snakes takion, the Baluch Regiment, and across a little bridge with the South Lancs and the Prince

Khyber Pass, Jan 23

Sir Mortimer Durand, the bewhiskered Victorian imperialbewhiskered Victorian imperialist from the Indian Foreign
Office who drew the frontiers
of Afghanistan, would have
taken a very dim view of recent
events east of here. "Russia
has much in her favour", he
wrote home in 1886. "She is
coming on overland with
nothing to overcome but geographical difficulties—a big graphical difficulties—a big nation absorbing a number of small weak tribes".

For such prescient observations, one is indebted to an extraordinary and quite unpre-cedented publishing venture in Pakistan where musty old books by defenders of the Raj are now being reprinted in their hundreds to cope with a sudden, and quite unexplained, local interest in the Imperial defence of the North West Frontier. It is by one of those sly ironies that history produces when

new relevance.

Browse around any big bookshop in Peshawar these days and you can find Percy Sykes' Life of Durand, Sir Robert Warburton's Eighteen years in the Khyber, old Indian Army gazetteers of Afghanistan and Woosnam Mills' yarn The Pathan Revolts in North West India. All are newly reprinted by Lahore or Karachi pub-lishers and priced so cheaply that a schoolboy could purchase them for the price of a couple of G. A. Henty novels,
Mr Woosnam Mills' volume
best recaptures the spirit of the

Churchill's own memoirs only appear in second-hand version in Peshawar but they still contain the authentic linguistic period detail. ("The British officer was spinning round just behind me, his face a mass of blood, his right eye cut out. Yes, it was certainly an adventure.")

The physical mementoes of the Raj are also visible in the Khyber Pass. "A weird uncanny place . . . a deadly valley". Woosnam Mills called it in 1897, recalking that men had to pull their own field guns and project and the least the best recaptures the spirit of the time. Chapter headings include and perish under the Jezuil matchlock rifles of the Pathans. Conduct of our sepoys"; "Immolation of 21 Sikhs"; and "How British officers die". Kigber British built above Landi who was built above Landi who was proposed by the Kigber Rifles, whose tall exploits of General Sir Bindon Blood, one of whose young the beautiful managements on the other side of and perish under the Jezail matchlock rifles of the Partians.

subalterns, Winston Churchill, movements on the other side of

side.
Cinema: enchusiasts who
remember the film North West
Frontier in, which Mr Kenneth
More drove a dilapidated locomotive across a broken railway
bridge will be delighted to learn
that once a week try saing that once a week two aging steam trains still chuff up the Khyber Pass pulling museum-piece carriages over chasms and gorges along the line the British built in 1925.

Other relics are not so hap-pily preserved. Above the pass are the badges and crests of the British regiments which held the mountains for the Raj.
They are all here; the 40th
Foot, the Leicestershires, the
Dorsetshires, the Cheshires and
the 54th Sikh Frontier Force,

across a little bridge with the South Lancs and the Prince Afghan soldiers on the other of Wales' Volunteers have long or water volunteers have long ago lost their colours. Pathan tribesmen have smashed para of the insigna of a Hindi regiment whose crest included a proud peacock. Graffiti covers the plaque of the 17th Leicestershires (1878-9).

reshires (1878-9).

The only refurbished plaque belongs to Queen Victoria's Own Corps of Guides, a mainly Pathan unit whose eccentric commander insisted that they be clothed in khaki rather than scarlet and one of whose Indian members probably inspired Rudyard Kipling's Gunga Din. The lettering has been newly painted, the stone washed clean of graffit.

The men of the Khyber

The men of the Khyber Rifles are still here, of course. the 54th Sikh Frontier Force, a regiment 101 years old and still investing Fort Shagai with their dates of service.

But they are fading fast. The paint is flaking off the orna-

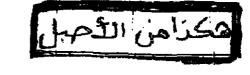
once recorded that "10,000 English bayonets" could defend the frontier from Russian attack but the nearest Soviet armour is now just 50 miles to the east on the read to Jalala-

the east on the road to Jalalabad.

If Pakistan's worst predictions were fulfilled, maybe the Russians would leapfrog the Khyber Pass, dropping their tanks by parachute around Peshawar, much as they did north of Kabul a month ago. And perhaps the Pakistan Air Force has already thought of that, for every day the contrails of their jet fighters can be seen sweeping majestically above the North West Frontier and mocking Kipling's public and mocking Kipling's public school lament for his dead

"A scrimmage in a border A canter down some dark

Iwo thousand pounds of eaucation Drops to a 10-rupee jezail."



It is boring to ask people directly,

when one first meets them, what they do for a living. If boringly asked, it is foolhardy of the inno-

cent hack to reply that he hacks,

particularly that he backs for The

Times. He is simply asking for a

going-over about politics, or mis-prints, or the gold standard. If the

secret does ger out, the first ques-

tion that most outsiders in fact ask

What's he really like?" Beautiful women in particular tend to ask it

with melting looks; and if they think they are going to wangle an

introduction to Hot Lips Levin, they

can jolly well think again. The

Times, thank God and our founding fathers, whose hairy portraits hang like Minor Prophets outside the

office that the Editor's secretaries

and Bernard share, is not a star paper dedicated to the personality

would be its brightest star.
We all approach our daily fix of

The Times by different indirections

and fetishes, working our way up through who has a birthday and who

was not invited to dinner by Mrs Thatcher last night to more serious

matters. But clearly a great many

of us look first of all to see what

Bernard is on about on the days

when he mounts his pulpit on the centre page (O God, he's not in-structing the members of SODDIT

how to vote in their regional elec-

It is not necessary to agree with everything Bernard writes to be

hooked on him. Indeed, to agree

with everything the lad writes would

be a symptom of an overheated

brain and a signal to the men in

white coats with butterfly nets to

come and take one away. As a man

whose favourite foods are Grapenuts

and bread, cheese, and apple (and

who has been known to survive in

Custard Creams spread with Mar-

mite), I simply cannot understand

the enthusiasm for haute cuisine,

though I find it funny, in a sicken-

ing way, in small helpings. It is

absurd in a man of his shape and moderation. For Wotan's sake don't tell him I said so, but isn't the

plot of The Ring a bit, well, silly in

times of domestic solitude

If it were, young Bernard

"Do you know Bernard Levin?

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Delin, Jan 23 With President Reddy declarmg today that recent developments in Afghanistan had high-lighted the recemergence of the cold wat between the two superpowers, India is stepping up its diplomatic efforts to per-suade Pakistan not to accept United States offers of fresh

Whether Indian diplomats really believe in the exercise being underaken or are only going through the motions to obey hars Gandhi's new Government, Mr R. D. Sathe, permaness secretary in the External Affiness Ministry, is to be dispartised to Islamabad shortly in what is described as a prelude to ministerial visits, all in the spirit of the Simila agreement between the two parions.

ween the two nations. President Reddy, who was giving an outline of the pro-gramme of Mrs Gandhi's Government at the opening of the new Parliament, insisted that the countries of the region should be allowed to devote their energies to the promotion of regional stability and co-operation. "To subject these countries to big power rivalries is totally unacceptable to us,"

Worries over Afghanistan forced Mr P. V. Narasimha Rao, the External Affairs Minister, to intervene today in the Lok Sabha (Lower House). The Soviet Union, the United States, and China had all been told that no action should be taken which would make the dangers



President Reddy: A warning on big power rivalries.

In a veiled warning to Paki-stan regarding arms, Mr Rao said nothing should be done to cause a setback to the normalization process under the 1972 Simla agreement.

Mr Sathe, the chief permanent official in the External Affairs Ministry, is expected to go to Islamabad early next month after the visits to Delhi of Mr Clark Clifford, the former American Defence Secretary who is being son between retary who is being sent by President Carter, and of Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister.

Dr Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-United Nations Secretary-General, left Delhi today for Islamabad where, the Indians hope, be will help prepare the ground for meetings between Soviet intervention somewhat

Gandhi Government's domestic programme contained no surprises. The "20-point economic programme launched shortly after the declaration of the emergency in June, 1975, is to be revived and "implemented in a dynamic manner". Smugglers, hoarders and black marketeers were warned that they face "strin

The law enforcement agencies are to be strengthened. Delhi police have already taken the hint, organizing raids in Old Delhi's trading community and putting some 600 more pokenger on street natrols to combat men on street patrols to comba-

The Government today reiterated its commitment to the free-dom of the press and the independence of the judiciary. While the revival of the "20 point programme" was loudly cheered by the new MPs, an assurance on press freedom was heard in silence.

Waldheim return: Dr Waldheim said in Islamabad that he had cut short his visit to South Asia to return to New York as quickly as possible because of a tense international situation arising from events in Afghanistan and Iran. The Secretary-General, who cancelled a visit to Nepal and stopped in Pakistan for only six hours, said he would consult the Security Council later this week on both

Psychiatric interview film shown in news programme

'Hollywood strangler' on TV

Buono comes to trial.

From Ivor Davis

Los Angeles, Jan 23 Television viewers in southern California, recently, might have been excused for thinking they had tuned in on a scene from

a film or play. On the screen a young, handsome man was cooly and dispassionately explaining in detail how he and his cousin had murof more than a year.

However, it was not a fiction writer's fantasy nor something from a true detective drama, but film shor in a prison hos-pital at Bellingham, Washing-

The man in front of the camera was Kenneth Bianchi, aged 28, a former security guard. Not only was he confassing to the crimes but he was also implicating his cousin, Angelo Buono, in the series of Angelo Buono, in the series of ted in Washington state and killings that Los Angeles detectives had described as the work of the "Hollywood Hillside Strangler".

second, that they were getting such wide exposure before Mr

The screenings, however, this week prompted Mr James Brustman, of Santa Ana, Mr Buono's lawyer, to carry out a poll to see if people had indeed been watching. He is, naturally, con-cerned that it would be impossible to find an unbiased jury for the trial, which is due to begin in the Spring and could last for four months.

Even in California, where bizarre murders are not so unusual, the Hillside Strangler case is out of the ordinary.
For more than a year police hunted the killers, who raped and strangled the young women, many of them prostitutes. The case was unsolved until last year when Mr Bianchi was arres-

He admitted his guilt, and then—to the astonishment of did

he agreed to give evidence

After a trial in Washington Mr Bianchi was sentenced to life imprisonment for the two local murders and then under-went psychiatric interviews. The psychiatrists who filmed all the interviews said Mr Bianchi was suffering from a split personality and during interrogations four separate personalities emerged.
One of them named "Steve"

kill the women in Hollywood. In the film, shown on local television stations, he replied: We were just sitting around and I asked Angelo [Buono] if he ever killed anybody. He said, 'I don't know, why do you want to know?' I said, 'Well, what does it feel like?' he said, 'I don't know,' and I said, 'Well, we should find out sometime." He said, 'Sure, okay.' And we

There were two things local detectives, confessed to the Mr Buono's lawyer says he remarkable about the film. Hollywood murders, implicating expects to use the tapes in his First, that the tapes—part of his cousin, who ran a local car client's defence. "They are chout 56 hours of psychiatric business in Hollywood. vital to judging the credibility of Mr Bianchi made a deal with of Mr Bianchi." Mr Brustman the Washington district at were being aired on leaf tole.

Malaysian rice protest

From Our Correspondent Kuala Lumpur, Jan 23 The Malaysian Government today imposed a round-the-clock curfew in part of the northern town of Alor Setar, 300 miles from Kuala Lumpur, after the nolice used tear gas to disperse 10,000 demonstrating rice 10,000 demonstrating rice farmers who are demanding

higher prices.
Datuk Haji Majid Ahmad, the chief of police for the states of Keden and Perlis, said tonight that the demonstrators became unruly and tried to storm the

unruly and tried to storm the state government offices.

Datuk Syed Nahar, the chief minister of Kedah, tonight blamed militant groups for having instigated the demonstration which, he said was politically motivated and had little to do with the rice subsidy scheme

A police spokesman said that about 90 people were held for questioning and a few hundred demonstrators caught when the curfew took effect are in the

compounds of a mosque.
The farmers are also demanding cash instead of the recently introduced subsidy coupons.
Curfew is in force until further notice but indications are that it would be relaxed to-

in an effort to keep rice prices under control, the Gov-ernment had fixed prices at which an official agency would purchase rice from farmers. But that price has always been much less than what the farmers could receive from pri-

Curfew ends | Threat to ancient Babylon from underground water

Baghdad, Jan 23.—The walls between the city and the deserted city of Babylon, whose river.
hanging gardens were one of the seven wonders of the is being considered to discuss ancient world, is in danger of proposals to drain the land. The destruction by underground meeting will be preceded by an water flows, the Iraqi News Iraqi national seminar.

Agency reported.

One of the solutions being studied, it said, is to divert the Hella river, a branch of the Euphrates, which crosses the to last about eight years. region, but experts fear this

would lower the water.
only 15ft instead of the 20
metres needed, and not stop
water seeping into the city.
But any more radical diver
sion would change the environment of the ruined city. 55
Raghdad. Other
But another expert said these were only the wheat and wine collect the water, or the con-struction of deep insulating

sets stage for civilian rule

La Paz, Jan 23.—A General Election will be held in Bolivia on June 29. A decree by Señora Lidia Gueiler, the interim President, said the new hoad of state and Congress could take over on August 6.
This will be the country's third attempt in three years to consolidate a civilian govern-ment after almost a decade of military rule. In November Señor Walter

Bolivian election | Peking article of commander

Peking, Jan 23.—Chen Xilian, a member of the Chinese Polit-buro, has been removed from the important post of com-mander of the Peking military region, People's Daily indicated in a report on how army units were helping to maintain social order, the newspaper named the Peking region commander as Qin Jiwei, formerly the region's first political commisser.

r commissar.
Chen Xilian is believed to have been under a political cloud for some time.—Reuter.

Guevara Arze, the interim head of state, was toopled by a military coup.—Reuter. Uganda editor held over killings report

From Charles Harrison

Kampala, Jan 23
The editor of the Government owned Ugonda Times. Mr Een-Bella I'akut, was taken from his office here today by plain clothes police after his newspaper had reported that three civilians were shot dead zanian by Tanzanian troops who Tanzani rounded up villagers at Kajansi, eight miles south of Kampala, eorlier this week.

eld at Criminal Investigation Department headquarters. The British aid: British is to supply incidents at Kajansi began £4m in aid to Uganda during incidents at Kajansi began 54m in aid to Uganda during when three Tanzanian soldiers the 1980-81 financial year. were heaten to death after allegedly stealing beer and just finished discussions with in spite of its great other goods from villagors.

Uganda officials with an agree, that better planning The reaction of the Tan-ment that 52.4m will be used at the Ugandan end.

ganian troops in taking revenge to help restore the Ugandan on the entire village is far from untypical in Africa. But it has revived local hostility to the Tanzanians who have remained in Uganda since ousting former President Idi Amin last April. By agreement with the Tan-

Ugandan authorities, has shocked Ugandans.

A British aid team has just finished discussions with Uganda officials with an agree- that better planning is needed

cotton crop.

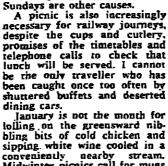
The British team was told that cotton production for 1979-80 would be low because the normal planting searon had coincided with the tighting which ousted former President zanian Government, the Amin. The chaos since then Tanzanian troops are normally has discouraged farmers from confined to barracks and few planting cotton and many of them are seen in the streets, cotton ginneries are out of But their reaction to the action. There are few vehicles Members of the newspaper Kajansi incident, apparently to transport the cotton staff said the editor had tele-token without reference to the However, many Ugandan phoned to say he was being Ugandan authorities, has feel that British aid is so small that it will do little to revive a shattered economy. The British answer is that few specific proposals for aid have been put forward by Uganda.

were only the wheat and wine stores of King Nebuchadnezzar, built along the Euphrates about 600 BC.—Agence France-Presse.

A dispute is developing on the position of the hanging gardens. The city's Director General of Antiquities, Dr Moayed Said, told INA that the

implies removal

round easily in cramped quarters. Take a damp cloth for wiping fingers and vards of kitchen roll for bibs, spills and adult knees. Don't forget the mugs, and have a nice day. thick minestrone are hearty soups which survive long hours a vacuum flask. So goulash soup, the lunchtime staple of skiers in Austria. Serve it with light or dark rye bread speckled with caraway seeds, or with generously but-tered granary rolls. Serves four 2 tablespoons bacon fat or beef or pork dripping



train or bus shelter, then anything better is bound to be a cheering improvement. Forget plates and fancy containers and cutlery. Fill a Thermos with scalding soup and pack A Times Special Offer

Will the real Bernard Levin please sign here

I find his recent shift towards commitment in politics and irrationality in Weltanschauung irrationality in Weltanschauung disturbing. Good grief, this is the fiery rationalist on whom I have relied for 20 years to deflate, and ridicule all such mumbo-jumbo hocus-pocus, and feeble-mindedness. If Bernard goes soft, what hope is there for the rest of us? I am not sure that I am ready yet for profound spiritual experiences, and quite sure that I don't want to meet them at the cinema in close encounters with little green men with wickerwork heads.

The lad is sound on cats, but curiously blind about dogs, which really must be more than indefati-gable and unsavoury, engines of pollution, I suppose, on good days. If I ever get out of beagles, I am going in for wild ginger pussies. But on really important matters (spiders, lawyers, not driving, Mozart, not knowing one's way around London. doing anything to put off the plunge onto a clean sheet of paper to start writing even eat a Digestive biscuit). he is as sound as Parsifal: correction, considerably sounder. I suppose that what I must be

saying is that I prefer Bernard the crusader with the Profane Spear, the stroppy scourge of tyranny, cant, and Bumbledom, the rudest man in the inky business after Auberon Waugh, to Bernard the gushing enthusiast. But even as the latter, wearing his emotional hat, he has a rare skill at conveying joy, for those of us who have to take many of his pleasures, from the Wexford Festival to Gratin de queues d'Ecrevisses *à la Grande Blague*, vicariously. Some of us are temperamentally averse to taking sides, being disposed to see the world as generally greyish rather than black and white. But it is heartening to have such a ferocious and funny Don Quixote to take sides for us. And if the barricades ever go up, and the Dark Ages come down, I should want to find myself on the same side of the barricades as Bernard, who will be standing on top of them making a terrible uproar, on the side of the angels, if only I could be sure who



Oh yes, I nearly forgot to say: he writes the rest of us into a cocked hat, though I have never quite got the picture of that metaphor. He touch-types with eight fingers and one thumb, which is a rattling reproach to those of us who use only one finger. He is the fastest, most prolific, and most professional of scribblers. For those who ask what he is really like, the answer is, as with most writers, read his pieces.

Not before time he has collected some of them in a book: nothing much about home politics, a dreary theme, which dates, but lots of other stirring and hilarious stuff from the story of his mother and the Gas Board and John Cheekykaffir to Solzhenitsyn and a voyage around his window box. Hopefully (an absolute use to vex the stylist Bernard, meaning I hope and with luck) another book follows later this year, and more, and more, and more, stretching out to the crack of doom, which, if you listen to Bernard on a bad day, is not far off.

Addicts of Bernard Sweet and Sour can buy a Times special offer of the book autographed by the little Master's own fair (actually rather spiky) hand. For those of us (like him) who wake in the black and middle of the night with the horrors that we shall sleep no more, for when the rascal goes on holiday guzzling and soaking up music, for having between hard covers some of the most original and funniest, most rational and most emotional journalism available in Britain today, it is an irresistible offer.

Will that do. Bernard dear?

Philip Howard

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A movable feast



Crawford Poole

A winter picuic is an event which generally occurs of necessity. Fishing rods, guns, horses, boats, aircraft, motor cars and their admirers figure frequently in the need to provide food fit for eating in the teeth of a gale or the back of a Mini. Househunting, blowing some fresh air into the children, or going any distance on ren, or going any distance on Sundays are other causes.

A picnic is also increasingly necessary for railway journeys, despite the cups and cutlery, promises of the timetables and telephone calls to check that lunch will be served. I cannot be the only traveller who has been caught once too often by shuttered buffets and deserted

bling bits of cold chicken and sipping, white wine cooled in a conveniently nearby stream. Midwinter picnics call for mugs of hot, substantial soup, rolls with fortifying fillings, bunks of farmhouse fruit loaf, and a nip of something for the spirits. Plan for the worst case, filthy weather and eating in the car, role or buschelter then any

everything else in individual portions that can be passed

Mulligatawny, oxtail and

1 large onion, finely chopped 1 teaspoon paprika teaspoon chilli powder 225g (802) braising steak, diced

1 small clove garlic, crushed teaspoon caraway seeds 1 large tomato, chopped

225g (80z) potatoes, peeled and

Melt the fat in a large pan, is soft but not coloured. Take the pan off the heat and stir in the paprika and chilli. The point of this is to avoid caramelizing the paprika which could give the soup a bitter.

As with many soups, it does not hart to make this one the day before it is to be eaten. It tastes even better.

Rich fruit loaves, the kind that fall somewhere between bread

garic, caraway seeds and a tablespoon of water. Return the pan to the heat, cover and sim-mer gently. Stir frequently, adding sufficient water to prethe meat is almost tender. Never try to hurry braising or stewing beef on a high heat or it will toughen and no amount of cooking will make it tender.

Add the sweet pepper, tomato and potatoes and about 1.25 litres (21 pints) of water and simmer the soup uncovered until the meat is tender, and the potato is breaking up. As with many soups, it does

not hurt to make this one the day before it is to be eaten. It

flavour. Add the meat, salt, and cake, also improve with garlic, caraway seeds and a keeping a day or two. Serve tablespoon of water. Return the plain or buttered.

Farmhouse fruit loaf

225g (8oz) plain flour 110g (4oz) butter 110g (4oz) stoned muscatels or seedless raisins

110g (40z) dates or figs, 110g (4oz) crisp apple, peeled

and chopped 55g (202) walnuts, chopped 55g (20z) soft brown sugar 1 teaspoon baking powder

1 teaspon bicarbonate of soda 150ml (5floz) milk 3 tablespoons runny honey or

syrup

Sift the flour into a large bowl and dice the butter into it. Rub and dice the butter into it. Rub in the butter until the mixture looks like fine breadcrumbs. Add the muscatels, figs, chopped apple, walnuts and sugar, and mix well.

Combine the baking powder, bicarbonate of soda, milk and honey and stir into the dry ingredients. The mixture should have a stiff dropping consistency and may need a little.

have a stiff dropping consistency and may need a little more milk. Spoon the mixture into a loaf tin about 20cm by 10cm (8in by 4in) which has been well greased and lined with greaseproof paper. Bake the loaf in the centre of a moderate oven (180°C/350°F, gas mark 4) for 13 to 13 hours, or well it is reall item and or until it is well risen and firm to the touch. Torn it out and cool on a wire rack. When it is quite cold, store in an air-

Humble pie I would like to apologise to Chef Rene Bajard of Le Gavroche for describing him in last week's column as Chef Ronay. His English is not as good as his cooking, and my French is plainly bad.

Ten years old and still growing

'I'm always hungry, exhausted and shouting at my children. Finding accommodation is practically impossible. We never eat fruit or go out anywhere, befruit or go out anywhere, because there just isn't the
money." There were deep shadows under Mim Harper's eyes.
The strain of struggling to keep
a job and bring up her two
children single-handed showed
in her pinched face and in the
impression of tenseness she

The date was early 1970. The only bright spot. Mim said, was that for the past few weeks she had no longer felt so completely on her own. An article in The Sunday Times about the problems of lone parents had sparked off bundreds of letters, following which about a dozen people had met and formed a group called Gingerbread. The aim. Mim declared, was to become a national self-help organization for single-parent families.
Tomorrow is celebration day. Ten years after the article that started it all, Mim Harper and about 25 other founder mem-

reunion. More elaborate celebrations are planned for Easter when, to coincide with its annual general meeting. Ginger-bread is organizing the largest self-catering boliday in the world to it is taking place in North Wales and 8,000 members and their children are expected to attend.

Supplementary benefits, family that other parents were in the monthly magazine called Ginger. Through its holiday company, formed in 1976, Gingerbread to offers a range of low-cost family holidays.

Additionally, by dint of resarch, publicity, liaison with people who understand.

Other members enthused about "sharing the load" and contact the family atmosphere". As one mother put it: "Almost the since Gingerbread's imme-

o attend.

Gingerbread's achievements
are impressive. Nearly 400 local
groups now meet regularly throughout the country, with a collective membership of about 15,000. They offer lone parents a mixture of practical and moral support. Frequent social activities are arranged and down-to-earth help is provided in the form of shared baby-sitting and other exchange services. Many groups operate local advice centres, housing schemes or day care facilities for youngsters.

From its national headquarters. Gingerbread gives advice on financial, welfare and other matters, runs a penfriend scheme, and keeps an accommodation register for parents wantabout 25 other founder members and key activists, past and present, are holding a special variety of subjects including

holidays.
Additionally, by dint of research, publicity, liaison with other organizations and contact with government, Gingerbread acts as a voice for lone parents by drawing attention to the special needs of one-parent tamilies. If Gingerbread seems to have

grown like Topsy the reason for its many initiatives is that they directly reflect its mem-bers problems: Loneliness; lack of information; housing difficulties; poverty; the juggling act of trying to combine a job with care of the children; practical difficulties like not knowing how to change a fuse; or, in the case of a man, the initial feeling of inadequacy when faced with the cooking

and ironing.

Julie Kaufmann says that before she joined Gingerbread she had not realized that her problems were so widely shared.

Other members enthused about "sharing the load" and "the family atmosphere". As one mother put it: "Almost the only adults my children ever met were other women. Since we have been going on Gingerbread outings, they have been able to chat about football and other hows subjects with some other boys' subjects with some of the dads."

Gingerbread may be 10 years old but it has no intention, its chairman, Martin Thomas, told me, of resting on its laurels.

There are an estimated 850,000 single-parent families. between them caring for 1; million children—and the numbers are rising by approximately 6 per cent a year. About 63 per cent of all families on supplementary benefit are beaded by lone parents. Roughly half of all children "in care," are those of parents who are on

local authorities to help single parents to help themselves.

Since Gingerbread's immediate plans include extending its counselling services, launching more children's holiday and after-school care projects, and seeking charitable status so as to be able to raise more money for more self-help action, there is certainly plenty to keep it busy for the next 10 years.

Gingerbread caters for all cate-Gingerbread caters for all categories of single parents: the divorced, separated, widowed, unmarried, or those whose partners may be in hospital or prison. Members vary in age from about 19 to 60, with the majority in the 25 to 45 bracket.
Most local groups charge a
modest amual subscription. For
further details, see local tele.
phone directory or contact the
headquarters: 35 Wellington
Street, London W.C.2.

Rosemary Brown

Cousins can show he's no 'chicken'

Tennis

Gerulaitis panache is missing against Sadri's fierce serving

Tennis Correspondent Philadelphia, Jan 23

Vitas Gerulaitis, who beat John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors on consecutive days during the recent Masters tournament in New York. Masters tournament in New York, failed to win a set—or even look like winning one—in the singles event of the United States professional Indoor championships, which carry £100,000 in prize money. He was beaten 6—4, 6—4, last night by John Sadri, aged 23, who comes from Charlotte, North Carolina.

Sadri first caused a stir when fierce serving took him to the last

Sadri first caused a stir when fierce serving took him to the last 32 of the 1978 US championships at Flushing Meadow. After that he gradually blasted his way into the world's top 30 players, it was by no means coincidental that he also formed a formidable doubles partnership with Tim Wilkison, who comes from the same state. Sadri reckons that by intensifying his competitive experience, doubles compensive experience. has sharpened his singles play, particularly his volleying. Nobody took much notice when Sadri was runner-up to Guillermo Sadri was runner-up to Guillermo Vilas in the Australian singles championship three weeks ago. The Australian championships are not among the top 10 tournaments and the field was modest. Reaching the final did Sadri no harm but it did not do much to advance his reputation. Beating Gerulaitis in straight sets in this far stronger field at Philadelphia is rather different. It means that, on any reasonably fast court. Sadri is capable of serving well enough for long enough to take two sets from almost anyone.

Gerulaitis seldom played with his customary panache and his

first loose service game began a slide that he could never quite arrest. He was always under stress. Sadri hit his service flat and hard and put a high percentage of his first balls into court. This meant that even when he was tage of his first balls into court. This meant that even when he was not serving ages or winners, he not serving aces or winners, ne was opening up the Court and enforcing the kind of returns he could put away with tolleys. Gerulattis could geter do much ahout Sadri's service games. He then was more vulnerable, especially when Sadri's uninhibited towards were finding the markted returns were finding the mark. One break in each set was enough.

While watching the dynamic Sadri in action we were still pon-

once-great player 10 years his senior. Ilie Nastase was besteen 0-5. 6-4. 6-1 by Heinz Gun-thardt of Switzerland who did not marut of switzeriand who doe not offer much opposition in the first set and did not need to do anything spectacular to win the others.

Nastase's enviable talents as a Ice skating

Göteborg, Jan 23

After the euphoria of yesterday,

After the eughoris of yesterday, the disappointment of inday. British camp followers had hoped by now to see Robin Cousins in the lead in the European figure skating championships, but he failed to do himself justice in the short programme. Vladimir Kovalyov (Soviet Union), the world champion, stays in first place and Jan Hoffmann, the holder of this title, in second place.

The crucial moment this after

noon was Cousins's combination jump. This demands a double loop allied to any other jump a skater might choose, but at this level the choice must be some kind of triple jump. Cousins's intention

triple jump. Constar's intention was to add a triple toe loop but he achieved only a double toe loop. How to explain the inexplicable except in the harsh terms

employed by his trainer, Carlo Fassi?

Cousins said he landed the double loop perfectly and was well set up for the triple but he did not feel right for it. Fassi made no bones about his interpretation

of events. "He's a great skater", he said, "but he's chicken". It is possible that there is a hint of

psychology here, a belief that public humiliation will fire the British champion into deeds of derring do in tomorrow's free

The combination was the first of the seven compulsory elements in Cousins's programme and, not surprisingly, he could not summon up the inspiration needed for

up the inspiration needed for other demands upon him. He finished, however, with an awesome jump-sit spin that threatened not only the indoor high jump record but also the outdoor.

Kovalvov and Holfman were

Kovalyov and Holtman were their dependable selves, Kovalyov in spite of suffering from a heavy cold that must threaten his hopes of standing up to five minutes of free skating tomorrow evening. Kovalyov performed the triple selectory is combination electoric.

Salchow in combination sketchily.

and Hoffmann the triple toe loop

perfectly.

It is a measure of Cousins's free skating gifts that in spite of his lapse he still outscored Kovalyov and equalled Hoffman in total points for the short programme. His position is not so serious that he cannot pull ahead of both of his rivals tomorrow.

A tenth of a mark or two tenths in the right places will do the trick, provided Fassi's psychology achieves its purpose. As the accompanying table shows, Cousins

Nastase's enviable talents as a shot-maker and an athlete kept bim at the top for a long time. He could still be among the 10 leading players if he had the will to work harder, as a man of 33 must. When the mood is upon him he can still produce a devastating magic but, these days, that does not happen often. The zest has gone. The breathtaking agility is seldom evident. He pushes the ball instead of bitting it.

The fact is that Nastase is goine

The fact is that Nastase is going downhill faster than he needs to. He has not won a tournament for 13 months. There is nothing much left except for the fleeting

much left except for the fleeting hrilliant, and comedy which so delightfully embellished a doubles match he played last night. The competitor may have died but the entertainer lives on.

An oddity of the doubles programme, which has so far been more exciting than the singles, was a second round match that was a replay of a Wimbledon final. Brian Gottfried and Raul Rumirez bounced off the ropes to beat Ross Case and Geoff Masters, 6—7, 7—6, 6—4. But it hardly beat Ross Case and Geoff masters, 6-7, 7-6, 6-4. But it hardly seems likely that any team will be good enough to stop Peter Flem-ing and John McEnroe. When the three-day meeting of the five grand prix supervisors ended today, the chief supervisors

stressed one point that should be clearly understood by every man on the circuit. Even if a player gailty of misconduct receives no more than a warning from the umpire—a warning, that is, rather than the imposition of a point penalty—the player can still be fined, under the code of conduct, if the offence has been witnessed by a supervisor. more than a warning from the

by a supervisor.

RESULTS: First round singles (US units stated). J. Compore beat Tom (with an each stated). J. Compore beat Tom (with an each stated). J. Compore beat B. Compore to the composition of th

Scotland stalking England

Melhourne, Jan 23.—Australia Pairs looked set for victory in the pairs event and England and Scotland were battling for the triples title after today's fifteenth and six-teenth series of matches in the world bowls championships here. Australia head the pairs table with 31 points after victories today over Papua New Guinea (24—15) and New Zealand (22—17). Three points behind, on 28. are Canada, with New Zealand third on 23 points.

England lead in the triples with 30 points following two wins today, over Jersey (27—14) and Ireland (17—14). Scotland, who today beat Guernesey 23—12 and Kenya 19—16, are only one point behind and they and England meet in the final series tomorrow evening. New Zealand are third in the triples table with 23 third in the triples table with 23 points and Canada fourth with 22. In the overall points standings or the W. M. Leonard Trophy five countries share the lead on роіль Australia, England : Australia, England, 26 New Zealand and 16.

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Tapus New Gurna 19: Majawi 20.
Zambia 1.: Wales 17. Guernsey 16.
Scotland 20. Kenya 16: England 17.
Irriand 14: United States 27. Israel

OVERALL: Australia 56, England 36. Scotland 56, New Zealand 36, Canada 56, United States 29, Wales 26, Hong-bong 24, Fill 25, Ireland 23, Ierzey

When the dust finally sertles, the When the dust finally settles, the sport in this country could stand higher than ever before.

Hope's assignment against Chiaverini looks a good deal more difficult than his last defence against the American, Mike Baker. That match, at Wembley, last September, lived up to all the forecasts that it would be easy for Hope, and Baker failed to reach

second attempt when he stopped the defending champion Rocky Mattioli. If he beats Chiaverini, he

Classen case : The British Boxing Board of Control supported an ap-plication for a work permit for the American boxer Willie Clas-

Martioli has rejected the chance

of a final eliminator against Herrera.

moved up to eighth.
The first three couples, as last year, were the world champions.

9.24 (2) 9.12 (2)

9.36 (2) 9.44 (1) ·9.32 (1)

9.16 (2)

Cousins

9.00 (2)

9.04 (3)

9.40 (1) 9.64 (1)

9.36 (2) 912 (3)

8.88 (3)

ITV to screen

Independent Television have concluded an exclusive deal, costing around £250,000, to cover six world boxing title bouts in March. Three of them involve British contenders—Alan Minter, loop Conten and Days Green John Conteh and Dave Green. Minter's clash with Vito Antuo Minter's clash with Vito Antuo-fermo for the middleweight title on March 16 and Conteh's challenge for the WBC light heavyweight title against Matthew staad Muhammiad on March 29. will be shown live, it was announced yesterday. Green meets Sugar Ray Leonard for the WBC welterweight cham-piouship at a venue still to be arranged on March 31. In addition to these six bouts.

Cricket

Advancing tide of one day game is a danger

Sydney, Jan 23

Natalia Linichuk and Gennadi Karponosov (Soviet Union), followed by Irinia Molseyeva and Andrei Minenkov (also Soviet Union) and Kriszina Regoecy and Andrei Sallay (Hungary).

The surprise was that 11 place marks were recorded against the champforts instead of the nine which would represent first place according to all indiges. This is explained by the fact that the Swiss indige, Ifing Wilhelm, has so far given Miss Linichok and her partner 10.8 marks compared with 10.9 for Miss Moiseyeva and her partner and for Miss Torvill and hers. Even jaundiced British observers were somewhat taken aback. Sydney, Jan. 23

The 13 matches in the Besson and Hedges would series compension, which ended here last night with the West Indians confirming their ranking as one-day champtons, attracted, a mital attendance of 256,785 people. That is an average of 19,753 for each game. The best crowd was the 39,183 who weethed Answalia play West Indias in Melbouxne ou December 9 and the poorest was the 6,120 who came to see England play West Indias on November 28. Last night's 20,840 for the second of the finals was more than expected, two reasons for that being the possibility of seeing another finals as exceing as that in Melbourne last Sunday and the another finish as exciting as that in Melbourne last Sunday and the near certainty, even for those unable to get to the ground until after the dimer break, of being able to watch Richards bat. The most surprising crowd was Adelaide's 24,955 for their one and only game in the competition between England and West Indies last week.

observers were somewhat taken aback.

There is so little between the British champions and the Hungarians that it is perfectly possible for a switch over the next two days. The significance of that would be that, since Europe dominates ice dancing, the first three here are likely to occupy the same places on the Olympic podium at Lake Placid pext month. This possibility has a special piquancy because the two couples share the same facilities; at Northingham and Budapest, and the same Hungarian choreographic guru, Soltan Nagy.

Irina Rodmina, now 30, won her hetween lingsand and West Indies last week.

The promoters profess themselves to be well pleased with the attendances. These are, however, well down on the figures for Test cricket of not long ago, in so far as comparisons can be made, and it will be more difficult next year, when India and New Zealand are the two visiting sides to Australia, to work up much enthusiasom for a corresponding tournament. The managing director of PBL Marketing Idmitted, Lynton Taylor, a powerful influence in deciding how guru, Soltan Nagy.

Irina Rodmina, now 30, won her eleventh European pairs title, her seventh with her husband, Alexander Zaitsev, and her first since returning to the arena after the birth of their first baby. Their marks were a solid array of 5.85 and 5.95 apart from the accolade of a 6.0 from a Polish judge. They led a clean sweep for the Soviet liming whose three pairs stole all Union, whose three pairs stole all the medals. The young British champions. Susan Garland (13) and Robert Daw (15), finished last

Limited, Lynton Taylor, a powerful influence in deciding how much one-day cricker shall be played by touring teams to Australia, may know too little about cricker to see quite how it threatens the future of the game here as a whole.

Rick McCosker, the captain of New South Wales, pointed to the dangers recently in a newspaper interview in which he warned, against the advancing tide of the one-day game at the expense of Sheffield Shield and Test cricket. The fifteen games scheduled for this season in the Benson and Hedges competition because of of the 11 competitors. Men's Short Programme: 1

Kovalyov (USSR, 85.34 pts, 1)

Lacements: 2. J. Hoffmann (EG), 2,96.16: 3. R. Cousins (GB), 50.12: 4. I. Bobrin (USSR), 1,78.58: 5. K. Kokora (USSR), 1,32,48: 6. J-C. Simond (France), 12,55: 16. C. Howarth (GB), 12,142. this season in the Benson and Hedges competition because of rain in Melbourne and England's defeat by two matches to none in the best-of-three final (only 13 were played) are more than enough. Mr Taylor, however, sees 20 as the optimum number.

Skiing

G. 19.1-2.

ICE DANCING: 1 N. Linichuk 2nd G. Karponosov (USSR). 59.80pts. 11 placements: 2. 1 Moliseyers and A. Minerkov (USSR). 36.92.21; 3. K. Rogoecty and A. Salisy (Hungary: 36.44.27; a. J. Torvill and C. Dear (GB), 38.26.31; 5. L. Renkova and S. Drastich (Crechoslovakia, 57.50.41; 6. N. Bestenlanova and A. Bukin (USSR). 56.20.5; R. K. Barber and N. Stater (GB), 54.44.71.

While the Prime Minister New South Wales is predict the eventual unification of a traits and New Zealand into nation, so there is talk of n season's one-day matches between Zealand and India, or so of them, being played in N Zealand. Such matters as this be discussed at the mention Zealand. Such matters as this will be discussed at the meeting on February 5 of the Australian Cricket Board, which will also have before it an expression of England's wish when they come to Australia next, iii 1982-83, for a return to a full Test series with Australia, and one not in competition with a parallel series between Australia and a third party. After a night of celebrations the After a night of celebrations the West Indians have left early for Adelaide, to propare for the last match of their tour against Anatralia, starting there on Saturday. England move on to Camberra on Friday for a four-day match against New South Weles. They have three players injured but they are only minor problems which rest should cure. Bottom lass a jarred knee, Dilley a strained muscle in his side and Bairstow, the wicketkeeper, a slightly twisted angle. Until the West Indians find themselves playing on a plach which puts a premium on spin which puts a premium on spin bowling, as they might in India, their fast bowlers are going so make them a very difficult side to heat. At no stage in the one-day competition were Holding, Roberts, Croft and Garmer properly collared. When, on three occasions, England looked as though they might manage it, West Indies took a wicket just in time—which is the prerogative of a successful

Fewer matches: Three matches Fewer matches: Three matches have been dropped from the original stinerary for the Australian cricket tour of Pakistan, starting next momin, the Pakistan Board of Control announced in Lahore last night. The cancelled matches are a Test at Mukan and two one-day games at Bahawalpur and Sialkot.

The new itinerary has Australia scheduled to play three Test matches and two three-day matches on the 36-day rour.

FIXTURES: Three-day maich is Rawaipindi ataring Fabruary 22: Per Teel in Karachi from February 23: March 4: Second Teet in Fabalaha from March 7 to 12: Three-day nate in Multan on dates to be arranged Third Test in Lahore from March 2 to 25.—Router.

Boxing

Chiaverini has credentials to test Hope

2 (USSR)

(Yugosłavia)

(Austria)

Total

(West Germany) (Czechoslovakia)

(East Germany)

Robin Cousins: failed on triple toe loop.

st year. The first two compulsory dances day restated the established

already has three first places, so he needs only two more to reach the majority of five.

The second British entry. Christopher Howarth, surrendered a place and is now sixteenth, as he was at the corresponding stage.

8.80 (3) 9.48 (1)

9.40 (1)

9.12 (3) 9.04 (3)

9.44 (1) 9.40 (2)

9.32(1)

9.24 (1)

Figures in parentheses represent judges' placings

83.24

Marks after short programme

Maurice Hope will defend his word light · middleweight title against Tony Chiaverini of Kansas City at Wembley on March 4. Yesterday's announcement completes an unprecedented list of five world title contests for British boxers in the space of 27 days in March.

After Hope, Jim Watt defends his lightweight title against Charlie Nash in Glasgow on March 14, and Alan Minter, John Conteh and Dave Green will all be in action, as challengers before the end of the month. Minter boxes Vito Anthofermo on March 16. Conteh meets Matthew Saad Muhammad on March 29, and two days later, Green is scheduled to meet Sugar Ray Leonard. Minter and Conteh both box in Las Vegas but Green

forecasts that it would be easy for Hope, and Baker failed to reach the halfway stage. Chiaveriui is currently fourth in the World Boxing Council ratings. having risen rapidly in recent months. He is a puncher and the only men to have beaten him are Sugar Ray Leonard, the world welterweight champion and Benny Briscoe, who is a formidable middleweight. Hope, who was born in Antigua, won his title last year at the second attempt when he stopped

Scotland 29. Kenya 16: England 17. Instead 17. Instead 17. Instead 18. Wasters but the defending champion Rocky of the defendi

sen. to box in England, the Employment Under-Secretary, Patrick Mayhew said last night. In a Commons written reply to the Aldershot Tory MP. Jolian Critchley, Mr Mayhew said the Employment department had consulted the Board before a permit was leaved to the hover. issued to the boxer.

Classen was beaten by the British boxer, Tony Sibson, at the Royal Albert Hall in London when the pair fought last October. On November 23, Classen boxed again in New York and was knocked out. Five days later, he died. Subse-

six world title contests

The quick golden fox Miss Wenzel has 282 points; Miss Wenzel has 282 points; Mrs Moser has 240 and Marie-Theres Nadig, of Switzerland, 170. Mrs Moser, six times a World Cupholder, has said she is not interested in the World Cup but is concentrating on the Olympics. More at home in the downhill, she again salvaged Austran honour today. Apart from Regims Sackl, she was the only one of the large Austrian contingent to complete both runs.

Maribor, Yugoslavia, Jan 23.— Hanni Wenzel, of Liechtenstein, sped to her second consecutive. World Cup slalom victory here today, extending further her over-all lead and confirming her as favourite for next month's Olympic

Seemingly timing her form peak to perfection, she won both legs of today's event, known as the "golden fox", in pouring rain on a piste short of snow. She had an aggregate time of limin 18.11sec, comfortably ahead of Perrine Pelen, of France, and Annemarie Moser, of Austria.

"Exercising is going just mar-"Everything is going just mar-vellously for me this season." Miss Wenzel said. It was the third was wenger sain. It was the third year running she had won here. She has also won three giant slaloms this season, as well as rwice coming third in World Cup downhills, making her the most successful all-round skier.

The big surprise was the fifth place fluish of Nadezhda Patra-keeva, of the Soviet Union, who was virtually unknown until today There was also a good American showing with Abigail Fisher in-fourth place and Tamara McKinney

C. Nelson (US), 91.
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Austria, 415
pis: 2. Switzerland, 374: 5. Linchtonsiein. 295: 4. France, 293: 5. United
States. 270: 6, West Germany, 251

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Hockey

Army forced to retreat

By Sydney Friskin London University 3

little profit from this lively but somewhat untidy exercise at Mor-spur Park yesterday. London University's accelerating powers had them well on the retreat for most of the second half, the home side having led 1—0 at half time. To be fair to the Army they were short of midfield strength and the only reinforcement, a from-liner, was Fraser, a 17 yearold apprentice who came on at the start of the second half in place of Andrews, a player of similar status. London were encouraged status. London were encouraged by a fourth-minute goal which could have been disallowed. A rising shot by Riorden-Eva whistled past the advancing goal-keeper's head and struck the crossbar, leaving Scott with an easy chance to score Despite this setback, the Army, led by Banham and Hardwick, forced four short corners in the first 15 minutes. London began the second half

by forcing a short corner and five more of these awards fol-

Pretoria

The Army bockey team derived

lowed. The fifth was converted by Malthouse after which the Army scored in the thirty-first minute. A splendid run on the right by Banham earned the Army a short corner from which Smith scored on the rebound.

Almost immediately at the other end where Priday was about to take a shot, the Army were sur-prised to find they had conceded a penalty stroke to which there was an angry reaction. There was some justification for the question but this did not deter Elston from

SCOTING.

LONDON UNIVERSITY: N. Swain (Ousen Elizabeth College: "5 Mallbouse 1St Thomas' Hosoilai, D. Thomas' Hosoilai, D. Thomas' Hosoilai, D. Thomas' Hosoilai, College: "8 Scoil 1St Thomas Haspitai, "T. Priday (King's College). A. Elston (King's College) Hospitai, R. Wills (Coldentin's P. Riorden-Eve (St. Thomas Hospitai), P. Riorden-Eve (St. Thomas Hospitai), R. Wills (Coldentin's P. Riorden-Eve (St. Thomas Hospitai), R. Diplomas (R. Cape, R. Stage), T. Coldentin's R. Cape (St. Cape), R. Cape (St.

North miss their leader

-0 in Harro-

North 0

East beat North 3-

gate yesterday, all the goals coming in second half. Players found it hard to keep their feet in the mud and there was no score at half time, although East had looked the more dangerous. Janet Jurischka scored the first and last goals by converting penalty strokes. Miss Jurischka, a former international from Kent, did not play hockey last season,

The North were considerably hampered by having to play without their captain, Margaret Souyave (Lancashire), who is ill.

Judith Pringle, of Durham, took her place, but it is one thing to replace a player, quite another to replace the leader, and although North worked hard they could not penetrate the East goal. Lesley Ashton (Cheshire) substituted for Miss Pringle in the second half Miss Pringle to the second half, but by this time East had come to terms with the pitch, and were on top.

This was the fifth of the 10

territorial matches and in winning recritorial matches and it winning yesterday East not only did themselves some good, but indirectly helped Midlands. These two territories have each won and drawn a match, and share top place at the halfway stage. Tomorrow Midlands play South on Tamworth Cricket did not play hockey last season, and yesterday was back on form. Helen Bray (Hertfordshire) scored the other goal from a rebound. This young player, in her first season out of Chelsea College of Physical Education, is proving herself to be a wing player of considerable ability. East have a good forward line. Sandra Roberts, on the other wing, was one of the few who could strike the ball cleanly in the mud, and Valerie Robinson distinguished herself in midfield.

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Athletics

Hockey

For the record

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ROTTERDAM: International sav-day race: Final positions: 1. J. Rasa and R. Pilnen (Netherlands). 541 pis: 2. D. Clars and D. Adlan (Australia). 2.50. 5. P. Secru (Seigium) and A. Fritz (WG). 207. I lap behind: 4. G. Knatemann. (Netherlands). smd W. Peffred (WG). 205. 5. S. J. Zoelenfelk (Netherlands). and W. Peffred (WG). 205. 3. S. J. Zoelenfelk (Netherlands). and U. Hempel (WG). 182. 8: 6. M. Venix (Netherlands). and R. Hermann (Lischlenstein). 84, and R. Hermann (Lischlenstein). Ice hockey

NATIO VAL LEAGUE: Washington Capitals 5. Winnipeg Jets 4: New York Islandors 2. Montreal Canadiens 1: Tournno Maple Leafs 4. Atlanta Flames 2: Philadelphta Fiyers 5. St Louis Bites 1: Colorado Rockies 5. Vancouver Canucks 5: New York Rangers 5, Los Angeles Kings 4.

ATTICHCS

WELLINGTON (New Zealand: 100m:
1. M. McFarlane (GB) 10.68 seconds:
2. E. Obeng (Ghana) 10.72 200m:
1. M. McFarlane 22.21; 2. S Downey
(NZ) 22.7. 400m: 1. J. Maina (Kenya)
48.1; 2. R. Goldstone (NZ) 49.76;
3. W. Harriey (GB) 49.94. 1.000m:
1. D. Moorcroft (GB) 2-22.6; 2. R.
Dixon (NZ) 2-21.4; 5. K. Hall (Australia) 2-24.1. 5.000m; 1. H. Rono
(Karaya, 3-14.6; 2. R. Quax (NZ)
One-mile wells (Fig. 1) (R. Mills 16.6)
6-12.6. Shoft part: R. R. Sharlis 16.6.
20.07. Women's 100m; 1. R. Edwards
(Australia) 11.67; 2. B. Goodard (GB)
11.64.

Cresta Run ST MO UTZ: Marsden Cup: first one race from top: 1, N. Bibbla: /tzli/1 175.48: 2, E. Schuster WG: 117.0 3, C. Håberli (Switzerland: 177.0 3, H. Macrae (Eritsin: 185.01: 5, A Usborne (Britain: 185.88; 6, D Markin (Britain: 184.18;

Skiing

Tennis CHICAGO: Women's winter circuit. first round singles (U5 unless stated):

M. Navratilova best T. Holladay 6—1.

A. Jaegor beat K. M. Tacacher 1.

S. A. Jaegor beat K. M. Tacacher 1.

Fromholt: Apartales best R. Carlot 1.

Fromholt: Apartales best R. Carlot 1.

Jaegor 1.

Jaegor 1.

Lattan 6—2.

Lattan 6—2.

Lattan 6—3.

Lattan 6—3.

Relicate best I. Romanov (Romania) 6—0. 6—1: M. Jansovec (Yugoslavia) best S. Jordan 6—3. b—2.

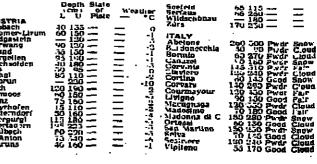
Basketball

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION: Resion Ceitics 112. Housion Rockets 105: Cleveland Cavaliers 114 Weshington Bullets 91; Chicago Rulis 145, Detroit Pistons 131; San Anionio Spurs 129: San Diego Clippers 109: Kansas City Kings 101, Alianta Flames 83; Uish Jazz 127, Milwaukes Bucks 122. Yachting

PONCE (Perio Rico): World Solang championships: Fourth race: 1, R. Haines (US): 3, W. Kubwende (VG): 3, R. Fogh (Canada): 4, V. Brand (Eradi): 5, W. Allen (US): 6, P. Jensen (Denmark), Overeil: 1 Haines (US): 50; 2, Brunn, 477; 3, D. Carus (US): 50; 4, Allen, S3; 5, E. Bard (US): 60.

Daves Flaine Les Arcs 165 250
Heavy snow on hard base
Niederau 90 160
Good skiing conditions
130 180 St Moritz d'Isère New snow, rather beavy 70 200 Verbier 70 200 Heavy snowfall Villars 100 230 Powder on hard base

In the above snow reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been received from other sources:



A voice out of the athletics wilderness From Richard Streeton in Moscow during the Olympic Games. They won't be there in person—they cannot get visas. They have already been warned that their chances are slight until South Africa itself is back in the There were 13 South African track and field performances listed in the latest 1979 world top 20 rankings available to the South African Amateur Athletic Union's

In the non-racialism race one sport is way out in front in South Africa

African Amateur Athletic Union's (SAAAU) headquarters here. Officials have calculated it makes the republic about the sixteenth strongest athletics power in the world. It might sound a meagre consolation, perhaps, but it is the only tangible evidence they have that the struggle to maintain standards during their isolation is being won.

Athletics, together with football, fencing and boxing, was one of

fencing and boxing, was one of four sports singled out by the French parliamentary delegation, before they left for home last weekend, as having eradicated apartheid sufficiently to deserve apartheid sufficiently to deserve to return to international compedition. Dick Jeeps and the Sports Council fact-finding mission will be told 'ater this week that there have been multi-racial meetings since 1971 and complete integration at all levels in the 250 clubs. including changing room and social facilities, since SAAAU was inaugurated with a new constitution three years ago. ion three years ago.

Professor Charles Nieuwoudt.
the SAAAU president, claims
"athletics is way out in front on
non-racialism with 400 mixed meet-

with one-hour meetings in the early evening, incorporating around 15 events, especially popular. For important championships there are now 15 top quality synthetic tracks, more than any other country in Africa. One of these, at Libanon, 30 miles west of Johannesburg, has nine lanes for meedings between the nine gold fields there. The leading black runners in recent years have all emerged from the mining areas where the companies provide good facilities for recreational purposes.

Elsewhere there has not yet been time to tap the full potential among black and coloured athletes but Gert le Roux, secretary of SAAAU, believes it will not be many years before South Africa catches up with Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda in terms of results measured by watch and tape measure.

At first a feeling of despair

measured by watch and tape measure.

At first a feeling of despair swept through track clubs when South Africa were suspended from the IAAF in 1976 and leading runners like Dunie Malan were so dispirited that they temporarily retired. None of this lasted long. A new series of matches billed as South Africa versus the Rest, with traditional Springbok blazers being awarded, was the biggest single incentive that rekindled endustiasm. Now SAAAU, wryly watching the impending return of Springbok rugby to the world scene, are planning their campaign to seek

South Africa fisely is back in the International Olympic Committee.

The best known South African athlete internationally in the past two years has probably been athlete internationally in the past two years has probably been sydney Maree, a black middle distance runner, who is now at Villanova University, Philadelphia, and who last year achieved times of 2min 53.7sec in the mile, 7:43.0 in the 3,000 metres, and 13:20.7 in the 5,000 metres. There have been rumours here that he is being persuaded to seek United States citizenship and that the American congress might rush shrough a special bill to allow him to run for the United States Olympic team

for 10,000 metres and another black runner, Matthews Batswadi, has 28-00.8 to his credit. Both men have good times at altitude which, a little strangely, has not played a significant part yet in the South African record book. There is no Springbok Bob Beamon in sight so far in the long or triple jumps. Springhok Bob Beamon in sight so far in the long or triple jumps. Other world class South Africans just gerting into a new season include Johan Fourie, who was only 19 last year when he ran 3-56.6 mile; Herman Potgicter, whose national javelin record is 88.62 metres (290ft 9in) and Maryna van Niekerk, whose women's long jump mark stands at 6.67 metres (21ft 10Jin), John Halberstadt with two hours, 12 minutes, 19 seconds and a Lesonthian, Vincent Rakabaole (2-12-27) are among several South African marathon men in the world's leading group. leading group.
A comparison of South African

for the United States Olympic team.

Another black South African in America at El Paso University, Tezas, is Matthews Motshwarateu, micknamed in Afrikaans Loopen and the pole in the athletic wilderness, is relevant. According to the latest lists available, the Chinese in which he constantly drops his left shoulder. Motshwarateu was uknown when he arrived from the gold fields early in 1978 for the last three weeks of the 1977-78 fouth African track season, and in only his seventh senior race, he broke the national 5.000 metres record with 13-29.6.

He has since clocked 27-48.2

Latest European snow reports

St Thomas's V. A.V. feel pinch of Saunders' errant boot

By Gordon Allan Middlesex 10

St Thomas's 6 Middlesex scored one of their none-too-frequent victories in the Hospitals Cup rugby competition when they beat St Thomas's by a goal and a try to two dropped goals at Cobham yesterday. In the second round at Chislehurst next Tuesday they will play Westminster, last season's runners-up.

In two respects it was a typical cup match. It was full of enthusiastic but disjointed rugby, and the result could just as easily have gone the other way. St Thomas's lost their scrum-half, Hillhouse, with concussion early in the game, but his replacement, Richardson, fitted in well enough, and if Saunders had been able to kick a penalty or two St Thomas's might still have done it. As it was, he missed four from various distances. Middlesex scored one of their

Though beaten for possession in the tight, the Middlesex forwards were no slouches elsewhere, and two of them, Bevan, a strong and constructive number eight, and Joy, scored tries. Lamden, the Harlequins scrum-half, was a source of encouragement at their heels, and Miller ran hard on the left, wing on the rare occasions when the ball got that far.

St Thomas's made a promising start and Revisions when the ball got that far.

St Thomas's made a promising start, and Bazalgette, the Rosslyn Park centre, broke through, only for May to be pushed into touch near the corner. Middlesex slowly worked their way downfield and



Waldron was a name to drop at Cobham yesterday. Here he kicks the first of his two goals.

shortly before half-time their forwards drove over St Thomas's line. The try was credited to Bevan, and Lamden expertly curled in the conversion. Waldron dropped a goal from a set scruminage for St Thomas's just after half-time, and there the score stuck until the last few minutes. Then Joy scored Middle-sex's second try and Waldron

Bevan began the movement that led to the try, Miller was half-checked inside St Thomas's 22, but nudged the ball over the line with his boot, and Joy flung him-self on it. Waldron dropped his goal from an indirect penalty in frot of the posts. St Thomas's, looking for a winning score, ran the ball from several penalties,

dropped his second goal for St but Middlesex kept the From the door.

MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL: J Delfosse:
T Roberts, S. Turner, R. Hunier, P.
Millotte, D. Bowen, C. Landon; C.
Dawer, C. Landon; C.
Lozierski, R. Edgerley, K. Jos. C.
Beyon, N. Danbe,
Beyon, N. Danbe,
By T. HOMAS'S HOSPITAL: R. Insall:
J. Nogoni, P. Saunders, M. Bazalgelir, P. Mass. J. Waldron, E. Hillhouse, 144b, D. Richardson; A.
Scott, N. Right, D. Harrik J. Gibbs,
G. O'Sullivan, J. Parsons, B. Auld, D.
Wood.

University promise fades before RAF resilience

By Peter Marson Cambridge University 16 RAF 9 Cambridge University made a successful start to the Lent term at Grauge Road yesterday, where they beat the Royal Air Force by two goals and a try to a goal and a penalty goal. Whether the university were entirely satisfied with their performance is open to doubt, and before the RAF take

off again, I imagine they, too, will wish to fly above the turbu-lence that marred their game. Cambridge, for whom Metcalfe, the full back, and Thornton, the centre, were not available, stiffened the ranks of seniors and freshmen with eight Blues evenly deployed forwards and behind the scrummage. But, having played promisingly in the first half when they scored three excellent tries and all their points, the university became increasingly subdued. In part that could be attributed to the RAF's resilience and their sustained effort as well as to Cambridge's inability to underline

their superiority. An imbalance at set scrummages where the RAF's tactic of wheeling the scrummage was a constant source of embarrassment was an important factor. This was undoub-tedly brought about by the situa-tion in the from row, where the ereat bulk of Fitzgerald-Lombard came bearing down upon Stothard. The university prop has been much troubled by torn ligaments in the shoulder and, in spite of his gallantry in scoring a try, subsequently felt obliged to retire suffering from his old injury.

Up front they were splendidly led by Gillingham, and he in turn was supported marvellously, with Still and Field always to the fore. Similarly, Peck was an inspiration

to his side, and in Tyler, whose running on the left wing helped raise the temperature on a cold, grey afternoon, Cambridge pos-sessed the most dangerous player

sessed the most dangerous player on the field.

Tyler it was who, put away by Peck, began the scoring with a splendid try by the left corner flag, and this was converted with an excellent kick by Rose. Peck again, Macklin and Tyler then combined to give Edwards the room he needed to score the second try, and before half-time we had Stothard's try, converted by Rose. In between Pritchard had landed a needly gnal, and later landed a penalty goal, and later on Fenlan wound up the scoring with a good try converted by Pritchard. Pritchard.

Second term for Peck: lan Peck, England's reserve scrum half, has been reelected captain of Cambridge University. He is also captain of cricket at Cambridge Marcus Rose is the new secretary.

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: T. Edwards (Sherborne and Si John's): S. Moriarty (Wallington HS and Magalene). *A. McGahey (King's, Taunton and Fizwilliam). A. Cooke (Sioneyahursi College and Magalaine). *R. Tyler (Cheitenham GS and fitwilliam): *W. M. Rose (Loughborough GS and Magalaine). *I. Pech (Bedford and Magalaine). and Magalaine). M. Walawright (Arnold's, Blackpool, and Queens'). *M. Stolhard (Hymers, Hull. and Selwyn). (Irplicement, A. Beard, Haberdashons, Aske's Bedford, S. Catharine's, W. Stolhard (Hymers, Hull. and Selwyn). (Irplicement, A. Beard, Haberdashons, Aske's Bedford, S. Catharine's, W. Stolhard (Hymers, M. Stolhard (Hymers, Hull.). And Selwyn). (Irplicement, A. Stolhard, S. S. Galavvill (Exreter and Pembroke). *P. Chaimers, Fedies, and St. Catharine's, S. Glanvill (Exreter and Pembroke). *P. Chaimers, Fedies, and St. Catharine's, S. Glanvill (Exreter and Pembroke). *P. Chaimers, Fedies, and St. Catharine's, S. Glanvill (Exreter and Pembroke). *P. Chaimers, Fedies, and St. John's, S. Catharine's, S. Salavvill (Exreter and Pembroke). *P. Chaimers, Fedies, and St. John's, S. Salavvill (Exreter and Pembroke). *P. Chaimers, Fedies, and St. John's, S. Salavvill (Exreter and Pembroke). *P. Chaimers, Fedies, and St. John's, S. Salavvill (Exreter and Pembroke). *P. Chaimers, Fedies, and St. John's, S. Salavville, S. Sa Catharine St. J. Macklin (Feistaad and St. John's).

ROYAL AIR FORCE: Cpt P. Bete: Cpt A. Fonlan. Set R. Soward. Cpt A. Cozne. Cpt P. Aherne: Cpt V. Pritchard. S/Ac R. Owen: F/Lt D. Fitzgerald-Lombard. Sqt A. Rust. J. Technik.

Brown. F/O N. Gijlingham (cap-cathard).

Union confirm receipt of Sanson's resignation

The Scottish Rugby Union confirmed yesterday that the inter-national referee, Norman Sanson, aged 35, had tendered his resigna-tion. The referee's letter has been received but will not be discussed until the SRU's next committee Sanson, who has refereed 13

sasson, who has refereed is internationals, was a touch judge at Cardiff on Saturday for the Wales v France match. He says he has lost "motivation" in refereeing at the highest level. In a violent reaction to Sunday's first defeat at the hands of New Brighton, Coventry have dropped nine players for their maich at Fylde on Saturday in the John Flayer Cup first round. The biggest surprise is the selection of the former England full back, Parer Rosshorough on the wine.

of the former England full back, Peter Rossborough, on the wing, His one game since recovery from a wrist operation has been as a winger, when he scored four tries for the second XV. There is also a change at full back, where Roddy Grant is re-called, and another at centre, where Paul Coulthard returns. The only forwards to retain their where Paul Coulthard returns. The only forwards to retain their places are the prop. Steve Wilkes, and the lock, Neville Bakeweil.

The England wing, John Carleton, will be in a full strength Orrell side which takes on the cup holders, Leicester, at Welford Road. The Lancashire club, leaders of the Northern merit table with a 100 nec cent record include four 100 per cent record, include four players who have represented Lancashire this season. Their team also contains Steve Bainbridge, the former Gosforth second row forward. Orrell have scored over 500 points this season in 22 matches and have lost only twice The Welsh Rugby Union's are due to visit on Saturday in Spencer. Set W. Jenkins.

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royal flourish. The Prince of Wales has agreed to start things off by handing a specially designed metal rugby ball to a London Welsh player at Buckingham Palace on July 15. It will contain a message from The Queen.

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From London the ball will be carried by rugby players through England to the Shropsbire border, from which Welsh clubs will take over, and the message will be carried throughout Wales, involving as many clubs and players as possible.

It will be brought into the National Stadium at Cardiff on July 26, when The Queen's message will be read at the official gala opening of the Welsh Rugby Union centenary year.

Wigton hit back

Wigton Rugby Union Club, Cumbria, have hit back at accusations that their crowd is abusive and violently partisan. Reports that Wigton's 24—7 victory over Sale earlier this season in the qualifying round of the John Player Cup was affected by, crowd trouble have been refuted. A club spokesman said: "We have a very good crowd refuted. A club spokesman said:
"We have a very good crowd
for supporting our own team but
they are not violent. The only
thing which beat Sale was the
performance of the team. Are
they trying to suggest that our
crowd beat them? There is no justification for that at all. We had a good competitive match with Sale, especially as they had their full squad out." The behaviour of Wigton's crowd has come to the fore because Moseley Motor rallying

W Germans strongly placed for victory

Monte Carlo, Jan 23.—The West Germans, Walter Rohrl and Christian Geistdorfer, in a Fiat 131 Abarth, held a lead of nearly nine minutes in the Moute Carlo rally when the crews returned to the Mediterranean principality today for the final stage after 36 hours' non-stop driving on the gruelling 1,500 kilometre third section. The German crew, in the lead since the classification run at the weekend, continued to drive with supreme confidence as the surviving crews approached | Carlo.

Carlo.

Rohrl, aged 32, was not satisfied with his already comfortable live-minute lead when he arrived at the start of the rally's 17th special stage at St Barthelemy in the early hours. He mared to four consecutive scratch times to pull even further away from three Swedish crews battling for second place.

Per Eklund, revelling in the

Per Eklund, revelling in the conditions which made tyre choice difficult and vital, gave a remarkable display at the wheel of his little group two VW Golf GTI and was holding second place. No less spectacular was the performance of former Swedish rally champion. Anders Kullang, in the Opel Ascona 400, making its world championship debut. Throughout the night he moved steadily up the field to third place with a series of breathtaking drives.

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series of breathtaking drives.

Bjorn Waldegaard, twice winner of the Monte Carlo rally and runner-up last year, dropped time on the final trials today but was still in fourth place, ahead of the French crew, Bernard Darniche and Alain Mahe in the Lancia Stratos. Last year's winners, who set out on the third stage of the rally on Monday in second spot, have slumped down the field. Darniche, ill with influenza, admitted: "My heart just isn't in it."

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Fiats held sixth, seventh and eighth places. The Italian crew of Attilio Bettega and Mario Mannucci, in the Ritmo-Strada, were still going remarkably well and were in front of their French ream colleagues. Jean Claude Andruet and Michele Espinos-Biche, and the women's crew, Michele Mouton and Andie Arrii. Timo Makinen, of Finland, and Timo Makinen. of Finland, and his British co-driver, Henry Liddon, moved back into the top 20 in their BMW.

Thousands of enthusiasts had driven up the Corobin Pass, in the Alms early moday and there were

Alps, early today, and there were so many of them that the trial run became blocked by parked cars. Corobin, near Digne, was the rally's 21st special trial but had to be cancelled because of the chaos.

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The rally leader, Rohrl, said on his arrival in Monte Carlo:

"The car is going marvellously; our only problem was an electrical fault but we cleared it up quickly. The conditions on the run were very difficult: at first it was nice because the snow was hard packed but then it became tricky. It is probably the most difficult rally I have ever driven in."

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Football

Semi-finals give taste of delicacies to come

By Norman Fox Football Correspondent

To think of Tuesday's exciting Pootball League Cup semi-final round as an appetiser before this Saturday's FA Cup fourth round would be disparaging because the dish was outstanding in its own right, but it certainly whetted the appetite for matches to come. Northngham Forest, having heard from so many quarters that heard from so many quarters that they were fortunate to beat Liverpool 1—0 with a last-minute penalty at the City Ground, soon have the chance to defend themselves against the same team. Meanwhile, Swindon Town, 2—1 winners over Wolverhampton Wanderers, hardly need to prove their quality any further but have the opportunity to do so when Tottenham Hotspur visit their Wiltshire ground on Saturday.

Liverpool left the Nottingham stage convinced that some mysterious, heavy curtain had again blocked the Forest goal. But the name of that barrier was Shilton and, but for his glorious display, the sequence of recent meetings would almost certainly have been changed. Liverpool have played Forest 10 times in recent have been changed. Liverpool have played Forest 10 times in recent times and won only once. Their feeling of frustration was understandable and not appeased by those who insisted that they were again by far the better side.

In expounding this conclusion there is a tendency to detach Shilton from the rest of the Forest team. ("But for Shilton ..."). Yet to isolate his achievements is to forget the point that

..."). Yet to isolate his achievements is to forget the point that the manager. Brian Clough, made when investing in this remarkable goalkeeper. He felt so confident that he taiked of completing his team and he was soon proved right.

Shilton is much more than a goal-minder. His command of the penalty area makes him an integral part of the defence as a whole. He covers for the mistakes of other defenders and creates confidence. He is physically more dominating than Clemence but few outside Nottingham and Liverpool care to compare ability. few ourside Nottingbam and Liverpool care to compare ability.

The contributions of the goalkeepers on Tucsday dictated the
result. Clemence was under-employed while Shilton, concealing
an injured shoulder, hardly enjoyed a dull moment. In the end,
literally at the last minute, Clemence was called into decisive action
as Birtles at last seemed to find
a scoring position.

With the hindsight benefit of With the hindsight benefit of the television lens it was possible to believe that Clemence could have avoided getting entangled with Birtles but even Mr Clough volunteered the opinion that the victory Robertson gave Forest from the penalty spot was more than their entitlement. A draw from the penalty spot was more than their entitlement. A draw would have been a fair result, he said, but Bob Paisley, the Liverpool manager, would have none of that and went away threatening: "It's only half-time". The return leg is at Anfield on February 12.

Shilton was among the Forest players annoyed by Liverpool's period of defensive football. He felt that a team of Liverpool's quality "should not need to do that." Those who took this line overlooked the fact that Liverpool took more than a decade to win the European Cup while Forest won at the first attempt. Experience eventually taught Liverpool that a headlong rush rarely takes the biggest prize but Forest were successful so quickly that they had no time to suffer the frustrations, All credit to them for that but some undersanding is required.

The quality of Liverpool's attacking football compensated for any defensive thoughts that temporarily came to mind. They may not have won their last three matches but it would take a determined gambler to bet against them on Saturday, in spite of the spell that still clutches at their boots on the City Ground.

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Tottenham Hotspur's observers at Swindon would not have been misled by local statements that promotion from the third division was still the most important task of the season. The more relevant fact was that the bearing of Wolves guaranteed continuing confidence for Saturday's FA Cupita nations. Source

Mayes and Rowland, the scorers Mayes and Rowland, the scorers of Swindon's goals, will now hope to find the known weaknesses in the Tottenham defence. Their record indicates the capability. Between them they have scored 44 goals this season and in a total of 58 games together they wave taken 64 goals. Tottenham will have to control these two before taking advantage of any taking advantage of any superiority in technical skill against the now familiar industry of this Swindon team who have beaten three first division sides

Ban means McAllister will miss tie at Swindon

Don McAllister, of Tottenham Hotspur, and David Harris, of Hulifax Town, were ruled out of FA Cup action next Saturday by an FA disciplinary tribunal in Birmineham yesterday. Both had accumulated 20 points McAllister was given a one-match ban which means he will miss the fourth round cup came McAllister was given a onematch ban which means he will
miss the fourth round cup game
at Swindon. Tottenham will
decide tomorrow who will take
his place. Harris, too, collected
a one-match suspension and misses
the trio to Bolton when Hallfax,
conquerors of Manchester City in
the last round, attempt to scalp
another first division club.
Aston Villa's captain, Denois
Mortimer, was treated more
lemently and escaped a ban for
remarks he made shout a Craydon
referee. Tony Cox. after being
sent off against Norwich City last
month. Mortimer, who has
already served a suspension for
the dismissal, will be free to play
at Cambridge in the FA Cuo
The Birmingham City player,
Jimmy Calderwood, was fined
£100 for criticizing a Leicester
referee. Peter Reeves, who son
him off at Burnley during his loan
to Cambridge. John Docherty,
the Cambridge manager, who
criticized Mr Reeves for sending
off Calderwood and Derec
Christie, also appeared before the
commission.
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The Saeffield United manager,
Harry Haslam, was also in a
penitent mood after giving his
explanation of remarks made
about a referee. "I made comments to pressmen which I
thought were in total canments to pressmen which I thought were in total confidence", he said afterwards. "I have taken full heed of the warning letters which the FA and league issued to all clubs as a guideline for post-match conferences. In future I shall beware of what I say."

The tribunal's chairman, Bert Millichip, of West Bromwich Albion, hinted that a stronger letter, regarding comments made about referees, might be sent to clubs.

"Referees are only human", Mr Millichip said. "Players make mistakes throughout 90 minutes, so who can expect a referee to go through a match without making a single mistake? That is why we are siding so strongly with the referent to maintain what I believe

we are siding so strongly with the referee to maintain what I believe to be the highest standards of officialdom in the world."

Binney signs for Hereford

Fred Binney, one of the most prolific goalscorers in the League, yesterday joined Hereford United from Plymouth Argyle. After Binney had trained with his new somey neg trained with his new team colleagues for the first time. Hereford's manager, Frank Lord, said that the 32-year-old striker, signed for an undisclosed fee, would be in the team at Darling-ton on Saturday. Watford's midfield player, Brian Pollard, has joined Mansfield Town for a substantial five figure

fee. He is expected to make his first appearance for Mansfield against Wimbledon on Saturday. The drink trade continues to The drink trade continues to give cash incentives and inspiration to Scottish football and yesterday it was the turn of Youngers Tartan beer to announce a £100,000 sponsorship of the Scottish Cup this year. The more goals the more money. There will be no less than £32,500 for this year's winners with the defeated final-

Yesterday's results EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: under 21: Italy 1, Luxembourg 0 (in Rome)

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Rugby Union Rugby Union
REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES:
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Oxford University 23. Army 15.
Hospitata Cup: 8! Thomas 6. Middlesex 10. Other matches: Gloucestershire
Politer 6. Gwent Police 6: Loughborough
8. West Midlands Police 6
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Appleby CS 6.
Austin Friars 15: Howard 5. Midstone
CS 42: Queen Marv's CS, Walsall 74,
Moseley U: St Marv's CS. Sidcup 10,
Crown Woods 0; Sir William Borlase
28. Tiffin 8.

Today's fixtures

(7.30 unless stated)

Wales may turn to England

The Welsh FA look certain to advertise for a full-time national team manager to succeed Mike Smith, who left at Christman Smith, who left at Christmas to manage Hull City of the third division. The former Tottenham Hotspur centre-half, Mike England, could be the man Wales turn to if, as expected, they decide today not to revert to a parttoday not to revert to a partitime appointment.
England, capped 44 times for Wales between 1962 and 1975, is still playing in America, but has said be feels he has the qualifications to fill the post of team manager and director of coaching. The Welsh are also likely to appoint a full-time assistant to replace Bobby Brown

If think it unlikely that the I think it unlikely that the the appointments part-time". Trevor Morris, the Welsh FA secretary said, "Mike Smith was our first full-time manager. He did a reasonable job for us and

I anticipate we will stick to

Lightly-weighted Zongalero heavily favoured |Turk's sleepy performance

Ladbrokes held a conference in Ladbrokes held a conference in London yesterday to announce the Grand National weights, give the latest betting and to welcome back The Sun newspaper as sponsors of all the races on Grand National day, including our most famous National Hunt event. Mr Stein, the chairman, concluded by pointing out that Ladbroke's lease of Aintree terminated in 1982 and that the possibility of the race continuing after then was still in doubt.

shire Steeplechase at Doncaster on Saturday, than bitherto.

Top weight of 12st has been given to the Irish challenger, Ballyross. Then come Tied Cottage and Spartan Missile on the 11st 9lb mark. Tied Cottage's owner, Anthony Robinson, said that last season's Irish Grand National winner was an unlikely runner as he was being prepared for another tilt at the Cheltenham Gold Cup in which he was disputing the lead with Aiverton when he fell at the final fence last year.

Reactions to Spartan Missile's

final fence last year.

Reactions to Spartan Missile's weight were varied. Nick Henderson's wife, Diana, who is the daughter of the great hunter-chaser's owner, John Thorne, said that Spartan Missile seemed overburdened. But as someone was quick to point out, you cannot fancy a horse for the Gold Cup and claim that he is overweighted with 11st 9lb in the National.

worthy favourite and at this stage the likely winner. In 1979 Zongalero jumped these difficult fences like a cat. It was only when, being short of peak fitness, he becameleg weary after crossing the Meiling Road, that it looked possible that Zongalero could be beaten. Even then, despite being hampered by a loose horse, he was only one and a half lengths behind Rubstic at the line.

A film of last year's race was shown followed by a clip of the last three fences of Lucus's victory the year previously. Then came interviews with leading personalities involved with the race. John Leadbetter, the traiber of last year's winner Rubstic, made the interesting point that it is the mental rather than the physical strain imposed by jumping those enormous fences that needs overcoming. For this reason he has been bringing Rubstic back to his peak gradually this season and the horse will therefore be fitter for his run in the William Hill York-

National weights

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to 1 at lunchtime, but by the close of business they also had trimmed this to 10 to 1.

Gordon Holmes, the freelance jockey, whose hobby is hang gliding, joked "it's much safer up in the sky", after dismounting from Starlight Lad, the winner of the Horocastle Novices Steeplechase at Market Rasen yesterday.

The gelding, bred, owned and trained at Hull by Tony Bethell, a Jockey Club member, was construing a change of luck in the new limited at the standard of the sta

Taunton programme

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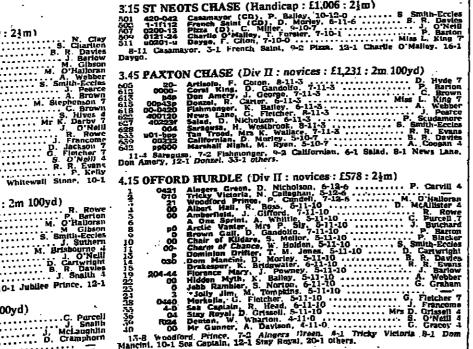
ALSO RAN: 11-R lav Lobela (4th), 13-2 Waminda, 10-1 Yellow Gien, 11-1 Westminster Life, 20-1 Ruby Mason, 25-1 Caprisin, 33-1 Aliv McCloud, 10 ran. Honest Edger did not run.

TOTT: Win. 58p; places, 17p. 20n. 25p. data forecast, 98p. CSF: E2-24.

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Huntingdon programme





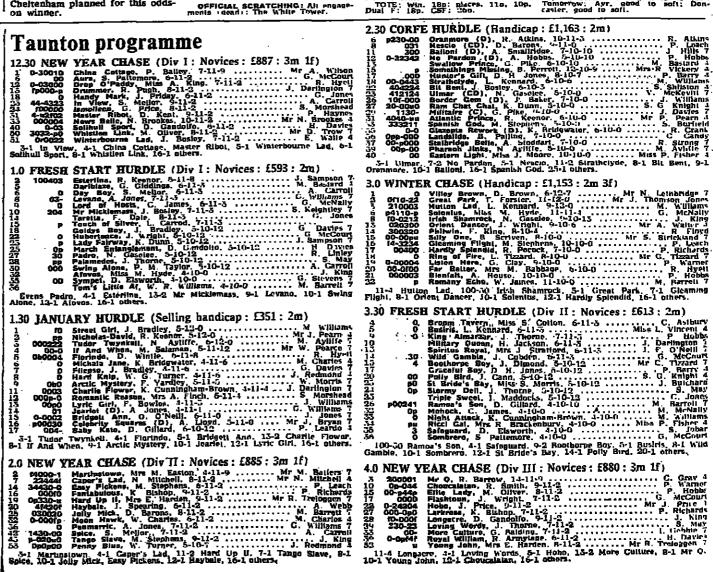
Huntingdon selections

1.15 Crown Board. 1.45 Henry Bishop. 2.15 Danzar Pasha. 2.45 Queen's College. 3.15 Pizza. 3.45 Saragusa. 4.15 WOODFORD PRINCE is specially recommended.

Taunton selections

By Michael Seely 12.30 In View. 1.6 Padro. 1.30 Tudor Twynkell. 2.0 Martinstown. 2.30 Ulmar. 3.0 Gleaming Flight. 3.30 Ramoa's Son. 4.0 Loving Words.

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NEW BOOKS

Languages of the tribe

The State of the Language Edited by Leonard Michaels and Christopher Ricks

Worrying about the state of the language has recently become as fashionable as worrying about the state of one's health or the end of the world. Like the last two it is a selffulfilling activity. The worry-wart hypochondriac imagines aches and hears knockings in the outlying provinces of her body at three in the morning. If he sets his mind doggedly to it, the determined doom-watcher can find the gloomy satisfaction of "I rold you so" in every edition of his news-Similarly the eyes of the purist language-fretter pass over any virtues on the page without a flicker, and are drawn exclusively to misprint, catachresis, misspelling, sole-cism, barbarism, and other evidence that English ain't what it used to be. It is never clear when English was at that peak of perfection from which it is supposed to have declined. But often seems to have been then the parents of the worwordFowler were at

English as a cause and not just a symptom of our supposed general decline. As the Dark Ages roll over us, he/she and a small élite of literati who still use the Queen's English correctly will be besieged in their Gowers-towers, while out-side the troops of Midian will prowl and prowl around, split-ting infinitives and grunting "hopefully " to each other.

The notion of correct (or Queen's, or standard) English has become a difficult one for our generation, which is correctly suspicious of authority. Like what we bees needin is cognizance that beaucoup brothers and sisters rappin on am not necessarily talkin a substandard creole, but don disprove that in living vibrant color. That may be incorrect Times style, liable to make the sub-editor purse his lips and the night lawyer wake up with start. But it is correct in Watts County, where the lan-guage of The Times would seem, if spoken, grotesquely stuffy, alien, and unintelligible. dialects of English for different occasions (writing to one's bank manager, writing an finally blossomed on the informal letter, talking to a branch of English); media and friend, talking to a stranger, the arts (a chapter on the jar-

propriate dialect in an incon-gruous connext, as in, "Ta-ta, Your Holiness, baby; see you (University of California, E7.95) soon, luv."

This fashionable and fascinating question of what is hap-pening to English is explored from end to end in this important and exceptionally interesting book of essays by 63 of the leading theorists and practitioners of AmerEnglish, Bringlish, and other dialects. Because we feel and think about the world only through our language, it is a record of where we are going in the Eighties in many other direc-tions, from religion and politics to television and detective stories, as well as in language on its own, if one can manage that feat of metalanguage. The contributors range from

such professional marshallers of the language as Quirk (Gangbangsprache and the liberation from taboos about rude words) and Burchfield (the pressure on lexicographers to give up recording the factual unpleasantness of our times) to creative writers such as Burgess and Enright, to school, being taught old-fashioned parsing and grammer by
Mr Chips or Miss Popham.

In extreme cases the worrier
takes the alleged decadence of horses trot equally far and wide. If Miss means respectably unmarried, and Mrs respectably married, has Ms really come to thean nudge, nudge, wink, wink, in the same way that it took three seconds flat for "liberated" to acquire the sub-meaning of "promis-cuous"? Consider English onomastic eccentricity from the house named Lautrec (because it has two loos) to the delight that the Rolls Silver Mist has to be renamed when exported to Germany, where Mist means something different. In the dialect of dubbing and sub-titles only the other day an American war film translated the line Tanks?" as merci; and a Hindi version of Hamlet (10

songs for Ophelia and a dance of gravediggers) scored a sty-hish duck with "Shall I live or do myself in? I do not know." The hobby-horses with their wordsmith grooms are divided into five stables: proprieties (eg, Kingsley Amis in cracking form about our modern cult of malapropism as in the actress Each of us uses many different who had to run the gamut of protesters); identifies (eg, Yinglish or how Yiddish has finally blossomed on the talking on the dreadful tele- gon of fiction reviewing to phone...), and each dialect is make one hesitate before

"correct" in its proper con-reviewing ever again); ways text. What goes wrong is not and means (eg. Machines-deviation from some notional peak); and societies (eg. the absolute standard of correcti- modern language of conscious-tude, but the use of an inap-ness, as in vibes and bummers). Not all the hubby horses are Derby rumers, but most of them are emerganing and some are champions. You would need 63 reviews to deal

with the book adequately. But I have at least to mention a marvellous piece on the jejune (no connexion with jeune, dear) prose of our new liturgies, in which "Turn our captivity, O Lord: as the rivers in the south" is rendered "Restot our fortunes, O Lord, libratha authorization O Lord: like the watercourses, O Lord: like the watercourses in the Negev." There is a glossary by Dwid Lodge of the psychobabble of Marin County's middle classes ("She and Harry haven't finalized the parameters of their own inter-face"), and a persuasive theory that "Ens is where it's all at " lingo and such meta-phorical slang present experiphorical stang present experi-ence in typically Californian terms of movement and organization of matter in space. The fanatic prose of Jonestown ("I don't respect Dad the way I should. I respect Dad out of fear of gesting into trouble ") is a paradigm of the terrible charm of absolutism in all en-

thusiastic religious sects. Even the rubbish fit for the Balasm-basket is instructive. It is interesting to be told that trendy architect talk uses words not for what they mean but for their visual tandscape. It explains much about modern

English in the Eighties is an exciting and deafening Babel of dialects. It has grown prodigiously since the war becaus of the wast increase in know-ledge of all sorts, and the wast increase in people of all sorts speaking it as a first or second language. It makes little sense talking about language being correct or in decline. Eskimo may not suit our life, but it is perfectly adapted to the material culture of the Eskimos. Latin did not decline from golden into silver, and bronze after the fall of Rome. It was merely spoken by different chaps, and Helen Waddell has reminded us that they used it magnificently for their different purposes.

On the evidence of this seminal (sorry for the pseud reviewer's word) book, the lan-guage is in rude health. So it is back to worrying about the Dark Ages and your health, Philip, if you must. But keep the book by your bed for the dark hours when you wake up worrying about those mys-terious new freckles on your

Philip Howard

Our first colonizers

Rings of Stone The Prehistoric Sun Circles of Britain and Ireland By Aubrey Burl (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £9.95)

Stonehenge and the Origins of Western Culture

By Leon E. Stover and Bruce Kraig (Heinemann, £7.50)

More peaceful than the More peaceful than the Romans, less blood-thirsty than the Vikings, the first neolithic colonizers of the British Isles in c. 4500 BC were, however, like later invaders, seamen and navigators. They were also farmers (of barley from the East) and they raised a few domestic animals. They came like the Pilgrim Fathers, primarily to exist not to conprimarily to exist, not to con-quer. And they came to build fanatically. Dolmens, chambers, mounds

dixhes, barrows, cairns, huge manmade hills, menhirs, align-ments, enclosures: their build-ing drive was prodigious and waves of it extended through much of the Mediterranean and up through Spain, France Holland and southern Scandi navia before it found its greatest flowering here.

Mr Aubrey Burl, in his ex-cellent new book, calculates that over 1,000 neolithic circles, out of a probable original total of 3,000, still survive in recognizable forms in these islands. What other encient culture ever left so much behind? After decades of argument

and ignorance we are now kucky to be living in a golden age of neolithic studies. There is no excuse for what Mr Burl calls, excuse for what Mr Burl caus, with understandable professional irritation, the fake-lore" of fringe megalithology—ley-lining, dowsing, flying saucers, and all the rest of it. The truth is famastic, even romannic, enough, though sometimes sad and savage.

Mr Rurl's book concentrating

Mr Burl's book, concentrating on the stone circles alone, is the first introductory study I have read to bring together authoritatively the latest evidence from the different fields of serious studies on this subject and also to paint a coherent, believable, picture of life and religion in these islands for the three millennia from c 4,500 BC to c 1,500 BC in terms the in-



The Ring of Brodgar, Orkney, from Rings of Stone

On the evidence of radio carbon dating it is now clear that the stone circles (they are only one type of neolithic building but are unique in their profusion to these islands) were built over an enormous time span, possibly from as early as c3,300 BC to c1,300 BC—an era equivalent to the whole history of the Christian church.

The heart of neolithic culture through all these centuries seems to have been a cult of the dead in which supplication to the Sun and the Moon played a major role. Developing in three distinct phases (perhaps linked to three sea-borne waves of new-comers-Grooved Potters, Beakers, and Battle Axers-from the Continent) this rich radition of building was ulti-mately forced to a halt for a very British reason: Rain, literally, Stopped Play. Around 1,600 BC a deterioration in the weather forced the farmer builders down from their more easily tilled higher land to cultivate the agriculturally cultivate the agriculturally Stonehenge as a special case or more difficult but none the less even, archaeologically, a "dead now warmer valleys below. That end " but anyway an unique,

telligent layperson can under-stand. their "High Places" is certain. On the evidence of radio The circles survived, as have numerous and often, it seems accurate superstitions and folk memories about them up to our own times.

Existence was short, tough, tribal, and painful (arthritis was a common disease), and desperately dependent on fer-rility, and beset by problems and early death. But there must have been a jollier side to it, too, celebrated with dances and marriages and other revels in the rings. Child and animal sacrifice there obviously was (" the ring needed human to give it meaning") but May Days, too, and Harvest Homes, Dames showed us in his and corn dollies.

Stover and Kraig concentrate on Stonehenge alone and, if you can stomach their academic one-upmanship they have some useful suggestions on the Indo-European racial origins and attitudes of the builders. They agree with Mr Burl in seeing

almost, at the end, civic monument, with growing economic and political, as well as religious, significance as power became concentrated under strong local chiefs during Stonehenge III (c.2,000 B.C. to c. 1,500 B.C.). Deducing that new-found Euro-wealth was developed from the new British metal trade the authors see this as a "heroic" British era with cattle-raiding chieftains drinking and wenching, singing ballads and speaking long heroic poems in between their funerary rites at the stones and their mock contests and running races up and down the

Time Stands Still by Keith Critchelow (Gordon Fraser, £18.50 and £9.95) could be an important book. The author uses Professor Thom's meticulous megalithic surveys to argue that some circles seem to have been set out on the same geometrical principles as early Hindu temples. Another Indo-European connection?

James Mitchell

The turning point

Unfit for Modest Ears By Roger Thompson

(Macmillan, £12) New media may not mean new messages: but they do carry the messages to different audiences. The steam-driven rotary presses of the mineteenth-century Times took "news" into towns far from the ruling circles of Westminster and the City. In the twentieth century, Hollywood's introduction of Technicolor started the mass adoption of clothes made Indee fashionable by film stars. But else. in a way the most interesting diffusion is pornography. It has at every stage been condemned at every stage it has spread.

In his scholarly but well written study of 50 books published under Cromwell and Charles II, Roger Thompson records a cru-

hanging.

George Hardinge

Winter's Crimes 11

Winter's Crimes is always good. This volume is

Patrick Cosgrave, The Daily Telegraph £4.95

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H. R. F. Keating, The Times

frightening novel.

reach of every pocket, and will (soon) add to that a home video-cassette of Marilyn Chambers. O Brave New World that has such opportunities in

Utopia was published in 1516 Before the century was much older, pornotopia had also been invented—that never-never land where, instead of having all the time in the world to philosophize (like More's ideal citizens), people have all the time in the world to have sex. Indeed, no time for anything

Sexually adventurous and intellectually adventurous books both had curious print histories. Utopia was published not in London but in Louvain. Aretino (whom Thompson sees as an "immensely influential" pre-"immensely influential" pre-cursor of the seventeenth-century porno-boom) was being brought out in London in the cial step in the story which has brought out in London in (so far, put a Penthouse within 1580s in Italian, for export.

Without the newish medium of print, none of this could have happened. It all began from the few classical works that had survived. The bourgeois could buy what once only the wearers of the purole owned. (John Locke, we learn here, possessed only one play by Shakespeare, but four different editions of

Petronius's Saturicon.) Then, in England at least, something happened which caused sex to be intellectualized. Rather suddenly, "Squire Pego" raised his head as hero, and as heroine "Miss Betty" raised her skirts. (Pego would now be prick, betty famous) From the start, elabofamny.) From the start, elaborate obscensty also meant laborate euphemism. Perhaps the fanciness of the language is meant to veil the repetitiousness of the action. After his sample of only a half-hundred publications, even Mr Thomp-son complains of a certain

We tend to think of the Restoration as the great age of sexual explicitness in print. (Before our own, that is.) Rochester ruled the roost and Rochester ruled the roost and the bedchamber; and Nell Gwynne was able to avoid a mobbing by shouting from her carriage that she was "the Protestant whore" (by contradistruction from the Catholic Louise de Kerousille). Religion mattered more than whoredom. Even Rochester, notoriously, had a deathbed conversion—so that was all right.

that was all right. that was all right.

But Thompson demonstrates conclusively that what happened was Puritanism. The English came under sexual starter's orders during the Interregnum. Thompson's book is a bedside supplement to Tawaey's Religion and the Rise of Capitalism. If Puritanism liberated men's minds and their purses, it also beloed their purses, it also helped liberate their bodies.

The Puritans have never recovered from their mockery in Hudibras by Charles II's pensioner, Samuel Butler. (Pascal permanently undercut the Jesuits' reputation, at about the same time, in his Lettres a un Provincial.) But Milton, we should remember, went so far as to recommend divorce by as to recommend divorce by consent. In one of his most original chapters, Mr Thompson analyses the known contents of a large number of libraries, and relates ownership of pornography to Puritan background.

He himself—perhaps in self-defence—sometimes takes an over-moral line about the works. over-moral line about the works he is discussing. He tries to make fairly unterable distincmake fairly untenable distinctions between, for example, pornography (bad) and bawdy (okay). But he does bring out the central fact that the midseventeenth century was, in sexual matters as in so many others, the turning point of English history.

If the world was really turned upside down then (as Christopher Hill's famous book maintains), it was partly because doing it wong way up was a fancy new posture.

Paul Barker

Fiction The Bluest Eye By Toni Morrison (Chatto & Windus, £4.95) The Living End ters shiny with use . . . By Stanley Elkin

(Cape, £4.95) Party of the Year By John Crosby Cape, £4.95) Toni Morrison recalls, vividly and with passion, the bleak hopes and sad circumstances of

the children of black America a generation or two back. The older people struggle to keep a tochold on the fringes of life, the young are unpampered, squalidly brought up. You are asked to contemplate a grim changelessness. The youngsters Pecola, Sammy and the rest-seem unaware of the fact of their apartheid, unaware of the vast changes just preparing which will allow their own offspring to strut the sidewalks, Tamburlaine's other ranks cutting a swathe through Persepolis.

She makes lovely phrasesedging into life from the back door", for example. The incidents she describes: The child Pecola's toppling into insanity after having been physically abused, Cholly, of the earlier generation, who relapses into bestial indifterence after his pilgrimage in search of the father who, having been found, still rejects him-these are all ripples crossing a flat sea. No breakers sweep in to pound the shore and make a climax. Black lives simply go to waste without complaint.

In The Living End Stanley Elkin puts on a bravura act as the Dante of Minneapolisonly he pays much closer attention to the Inferno than to the Paradiso. Ellerbee, bighearted liquor storekeeper, gets shot down in a stick-up. Dead, his life really begins. Up Dead, his life really begins. Up first to the Pearly Gates and a distant prospect of Paradise. But Paradise is harder to get into than a Cup Final, though not nearly as crowded. "We hike it here', St Peter said. 'Oh, I do too', Etlerbee said. 'Pm going to be very happy here.' 'Go to Hell', St Peter said beatifically."

So down he goes, and is joined in time by friends and neighbours: Ladehouse, the boodlum who assisted in the stock-up, and Quiz, a philoso-phic groundsman who disc-harges plenty of self-expression before God strikes him dead. Elicio works hard—too ard?—at his verbal fireworks. A bit fancy, as they say in Yorkshire.

last season's butte squashed and crumpled?

Party of the Year is a gift-

Well, perhaps not quite that. Crosby has wit and admirable technical dexterity; but one rather tires of the feverish variations on the basic thriller recipe: the souped-up excitements, exotic nymphomaniac ladies, screwy Secret Agents not as Conradian as all that, guns that bark in the night but nestle by day in shoulder-hois-

Crosby imagines Windletop, a four-inch thick glass fortress 55 storeys high, a refuge planned for the fifthy rich and therefore ransomable. An ageing trollop, widow of a fore a Principessa—the homey Henry James touch—has a daughter (hers?) who is more or less permanently more or less permanently besieged by the Red This or the Black That. The Principessa gives a huge party for affluent riffraff, and Cassady, threadbare Agent and bookish medievalist, is hired to guard little gold mine Lucia.

In Devotion, by Botho Strauss, translated by Sophie Wilkins (Chatto and Windus, £5.50) a oung West Berlin bookseller Richard, loses his mistress. Hannah, who suddenly and unaccountably walks out on him. He gives up his job, lives on his savings, shuts him-self up in his flat, and tries to write himself our of his anguish and sense of loss. Han-nah herself makes a brief, dismissive appearance at the end; Fritz, a school porter also in Hannah's baggage-train, bursts in once, and Richard and he share in some measure their experiences with the not impossible she. Otherwise events in the book are simple and scarce.

Devotion is about being sol-itary, about self-contemplation. Can any form of expression, any achieved creation which is outside the self, affect the anguished wounds inflicted by actual living—if only by substi-tuting for them an anguish even keener?

Edward Candy in Voices of Children (Gollancz £5.50) writes a story of young married people living in their cut-above-average outer suburban close Matthew Storace, the retired headmaster Storace, the retired meaning of a do-as-you please A. S. Neill-ish school, is staying in one of the houses while the occupants (the wife is a former pupil) are away. Without at all meaning to be so, he is a highly unsettling influence. There are frequent flashbacks to Storace's own young time when things, outwardly so dif-ferent and less snug, were on the emotional plane at any rate, much the same as always.

Jill, Roger, Ann, Mark, Beth, Alec, and pienty more at the starting-tape: it's like a big-field hurdle-race—difficult to pick them all out at the start. If only they'd been given a label—a wart, a wen, a wig—but no, nothing really except nuances so that even for the practised, of whom I am one, it's page 100 before you've sorted them, and by then you've only 59 pages to go.

Indeed the obsessive paring everything down becomes affectation. All the same, this is an intelligent and subtle wrapped package, eye-catching, this is an intelligent and subtle fashionable, doing its best to novel and the author's deterplease. But having burrowed mination to be Tacitean is at through the crinkly decorations, what's inside? A can of side.

Historical

1979 was a vintage year for

as well as under the patronage of the rich. He is also the outsider, who views with an unpolitical eye his patrons, who are Pisistratus, tyrant of Athens, and Hippias and Hipparchos, the two sons who succeed him Simonides lives to be 83 (a remarkable achievement for the time) and looks back over his life, the book ending with the assasina-tion of Hipparchos. Let us hope that obere is more to come. Miss Renault demonstrates once again her remarakable powers of transporting us into the past to the beautiful city of Ephesus to Apollo's island of Delos, to the brilliant and wordly city of Athens.

Thomas Flanagan's The Year of the French (Macmillan £6.95) comes with a warm recom-mendation from Mary Renault. It is a very long (historical novels tend to run to 500 pages at least) and tells of the rising of the United Irishmen in 1798, led by Wolfe Tone and helped by the French—a war of libera-tion, which looked like succeeding for a short time, and ended in a bitter harvest of death and destruction. This is Professor Flanagan's first novel (for many. years he was Professor of English at the University of California) and it is magnificent. There is mud and squalor and poverty, and the wild and savage music that Arthur Broome, the gentle and sympathetic Protestant clergyman, finds is accom-panied by great and gentle courtesy, mingled with sudden, murderous violence. The book is narrated by five of the principal characters. It is important,

Mr Broome thinks, to examine "the black roots of flowering passions". Certainly the book throws light from the past on the murky present. Thomas Flanagan brings a large cast of characters to vivid life with compassion and understanding. Beltran in Bxile (Chamo & Windus, £5.95) by William Watson is a quite extraordinarily compelling book. The Templars have never had a good press since the rascally Sir Brian de Bois Guilbert and it might seem bold to write about a soldier monk, born in the Holy Land, who is forced to flee into exile from Sidon with his fellows in 1291 with a large resource of 1291 with a large amount of gold belonging to the Order. He is faithful to death—which is more than can be said of most of the other characters and adventures of great complexity and horrible violence take place and horrible violence take place as the Templars are pursued by the vengeance of King Philip the Fair of France. Beltran follows his faith and keeps his promise to bury the heart of a

India may well have over taken the Regency as a popular setting for the historical novel. There are three of these-M. M. Kaye's Shadow of the Moon (Allen Lane, £5.95). 1979 was a vintage year for historical novels. Here is the best of the crop.

Mary Renault's The Praise Singer (John Murray, £4.95) and Parson Harding's Daughter (Hutchinson, £5.50) by Joanna Trollope. Written, in fact, before her blockbusting The For Pavillons, M. M. Kaye's novel is of 19th century India, where Winter de Ballesteros, a beautiful and charming girl, has gone to marry a man she has gone to marry a man she knew in childhood. Alex Randall, who is his subordinate. asked to look after her m the voyage there, and falls in love with her. He also knows

fellow Templar in Scotland.

that her future husband is a worthless drunk, who has degenerated during his years in ludia, and if you add in the Indian Mutiny, you have a very powerful and gripping story. Peacock in Flight is a continuation of The Emerald Peacock, and features the same characters, 10 years later. Heroes are heroic (there are two, a British army officer, the other an Indian Prince, who is half English) heromes are lovely and helpless (two of those also) and villains are absolutely dastardly. I found it undemanding, and turned with pleasure to Parson Harding's Daughter which, by chance, has a similar plot to M. M. Kaye's -an unsophisticated girl going out to marry a man she hardly knows. It must have happened

with intelligence and courage. If anyone has inherited Georgette Heyer's touch with character, it is Joanna Trollope. It is as enjoyable and sparkling as her earlier Eliza Stanhope. Can one describe King Arthur as a historical character? Many would insist that he is one, and Mary Stewart's third novel in this series, The Last Enchantment (Hodder & Stoughton, £5.95) tells of Merlin's efforts, in failing health and strength, to protect Arthur from dark forces, while falling a prey to them himself. Once again, Mary Stewart does

quite frequency in life. It is the 18th century, and Caroline Harding is plain and shy, but

some pretty potent spell-binding of her own. Julian Rathbone's Joseph (Michael Joseph, £7.50) was short listed for the Booker Prize and it is easy to Prize and it is easy to see why. Joseph Bosham, the narrator, addresses himself to the Duke of Wellington, and the reader, in what purport to be his memoirs, discovered by the author in a flea market in me author in a field market in Pau. "The yarn of my life is flecked with the green thread of Love and the black one of emisty or vendetta" says Joseph who may for may not) be the legitimate son of an old Jacobite English Catholic priest liging is Solvenson. priest, living in Salamanca. It is a pacaresque novel, long (478 pages), amusing, and entangled with the Peninsular War with a huge cast of characters who live, sometimes for a very short time, in this panoramic view of early 19th century Spain.

Philippa Toomey

In The Times next week Andrew Sinclair will review fiction; Edward Mortimer will review The Fall of the Shah. In the TLS tomorrow Rodney Needham on the strange case of the missing cannibals, Stokes on Nehru, Steiner on Kierkegaard. In H. R. F. a fault on the right

Keating's round-up of crime last week Enough by Donald E.

Westlake was published by Hodder & Stoughton: The Murder of Miranda by Margaret Millar was published by Gollancz. The title of Caroline Mosrebead's book is Forume's Hostages.

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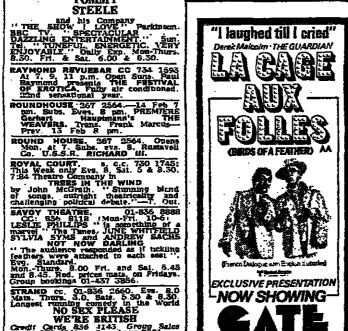
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Family life: And Quiet Falls the Day

How Calcutta crumbles

Bangalore India's annual film festival this year clashed with Mrs Gaudhi's election triumph. As it happens the booming Indian film industry sustains close links with politics. The tone of the administration is of keen concern to an industry which was characterized by a recent article in Sunday magazine as "the country's most indiscip-lined capital-intensive industry ... India's most tenacious and successful black-marketeering

racket."

Film stars, in this moviecrazed society, are often major
political figures. The Chief
Minister of the state of Tamil
Nadu. M. G. Ramechandran, is
also in his sixties, still the
superstar of Madras movies.

G. approximated that his party's crushing defeat seemed to him no reason for resignation, and he forthwith sent a congratulatory telegram to the new Prime Minister.) In Bombay the Hindi star Dilip Kumar has just been elected sheriff. Another aging Hindi star, Dev Another aging Hindi star. Dev Anand. is president of a new political party established by the Bombay film people in September. Sadly, for the nation's griety, even though the party's first rally attracted 200,000 supporters, the stars thought better of their intention to fight the election.

Political events in no way overshadowed the film festival.

The event moves annually around the major production is still doing well at Juncom is still doing well at the Academy) offered no new film; and Satyajit Ray's The Elephant God had already been seen at the London festival.

The career of Ray's Bengali fellow-countryman and contemporary, Mrinal Sen, has seemed recently to go from peak to peak, and his new picture, And Quiet Falls the Day, around the major production is perhaps his best and most

The event moves annually around the major production centres, and this year arrived in Bangalore, state capital of Karnataka. Production there is comparatively small (only around 60 of the annual output of 700 feature films) but the appearances. The eldest audience is reckoned the most daughter and breadwinner fails sionals at all: some of the enthusiastic in the country. Enthusiasm can have its draw-backs, of course. The Bangalore audience showed scant gratifude for a feature of the country state of the family's what "acting" is). Shooting in the country state and later, the family's what "acting" is). Shooting in the country state and later, the family's what "acting" is). Shooting in the country state and later, the city more under the city more under the city more and beautiful and the city more under the city mor gratitude for a festival programme that brought them as fine a selection of recent production—from The Mar-riage of Maria Brawn and Camera Buff to Nighthawks— as any international event has fielded in the last 12 mouths. The promise of uncensored The promise of uncensored Western films aroused, rather, the most lurid expectations, and there were riots when these expectations were disappointed. When Mois, Tim Tin and

New York, New York and The
Last Waltz proved to be without
sexy scenes, the audience
stopped the show, broke seats
and windows, and demanded
their money back. When La
Marscillaise was screened in
the course of a memorial tribute to Jean Renoir, the berserk
the marched on the projectops working autside the compublic marched on the projection booth, determined to wreak vengeance on the very reels of film.

After the first few days, however, Bangalore got the hang of the affair; the libid-inous evidently looked for

For the festival's foreign guests, the major interest centres on the now annual "Indian Panorama", which collects up a score of the most original new films of the year. Of the major established direc-tors. Shyam Benegal (whose

is perhaps his best and most subtle to date. The action centres on a night in the crumbling Calcutta apartment where a lower middle-class family struggle to maintain appearances. The eldest gues and hospitals and police stations hint at all sorts of seamy possibilities, the night drabs on; the tension exposes rifts and resentments ordinar-ily concealed in the course of everyday life. In the small hours, the girl returns, serene, without explanation. The crisis is over; but the shock has jalted the family out of their complacencies about their lives

cally mordant, critical, acutely

tors working outside the com-mercial establishment now seem to have formed up—without any conscious or communal intention-into a realist movement, deeply concerned with such themes as abuses of religious bigotry (B. J. Narayana's The Immersion), oppressive social custom (T. S. Ranga's The Wife, superstition (Bimal Dutt's Bird of Destiny) and the subjugation of women (J. N. Naidu's Dawn). Inevitably this realism, if it does not compromise, leads to films of painful dawn.heat ful down-beat.

One of the best and toughest of this group is T. S. Nagab-harana's The Eclipse. Nagabharana discovered in certain areas of Karnataka the survival of an old annual festival in the of an old annual festival in the course of which a selected group of Untouchables is converted for two weeks into Brahmins. In his film, he speculates what might happen if one of the chosen should die in the course of the festival, with both Untouchables and Brahmins refusing to bury the corose. A situation that could corpse. A situation that could well be farcical is exploited for its tragic possibilities, exposing the essential cruelty and violence underlying the rituals

and the caste system.

The realist school tends to

concentrate on rural subjects, using rural locations and local non-professional actors (In urban areas presents more practical problems, and Budd-hadeb Das Gupta's excellent Bitter Morsel is exceptonial.
Set in Calcutta, it relates the
fortunes of one of the multitude of families who come to the city in false hopes of a more prosperous life. Das Gupta's characters are vivid and his message—the appalling moral degradation and corrup-tion of poverty—is clear.

David Robinson Sen's films are characteristi-

Maud is a seventy-year-old Bristol lady who talks to televi-Bristol lady who talks to television announcers, having first
turned the sound down to
make sure that they cannot
answer back. In Peter Nichols's
new comedy Born in the
Gardens, which opened at the
Globe last night, she is
played by Beryl Reid, a sixtyyear-old Hereford lady who
started out in a concert party started out in a concert party at the Floral Hall, Bridlington, in 1936 and has seldom looked back:
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"Like Queen Victoria, I am not interested in the possibility of defeat. Not that I find acting easy, just that it's all I can do, so it has to be done. The last thing I did on television was the ex-MIS lady with Alec Guinness in Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy; the whole scene was full of very long Russian names, and I was so het up about forgetting them that when they started shooting I had to open the door and there stood Alec and all I could say was 'Oh, God, now I've forgotten your name'. It I've forgotten your name'. It was only George Smiley, quite simple really if it hadn't been for all the Russians. Then I got home and they rang up to say there'd been a fault on the camera, and we'd have to do the whole scene again the next week, so I had to rush down to the village shop and buy a children's exercise book and write out my whole part before I forgot it again ".

Her mother came from Edinburgh, father was an estate agent in Aberdeen. She had one brother, a research scientist who died last year, and

two husbands:
"First of all Bill Worsley,
nice man but behaved a bit
like a U-boat commander; then Derek Franklin only we sort of grew apart and he packed up and left. Since then I've been, well, not living on my own exactly but not married either if you know what I

At 16 Beryl Reid went to work in Manchester at Kendal Milnes: "Father said it was the Harrods of Manchester and so it was; he also said I'd get in Brixton for £3 a week, lodge in Brixton for £3 a week week.



Beryl Reid on the winning way

o'clock and I didn't feel much like earing so I began doing impressions for the others, and then I did an audi-tion at Bridlington and got into at Bridlington and got into the North Regional Follies which was where I'd really always wanted to be. I was 16 and a half, getting two pounds a week and the world was my overty. We did fine shows a oyster. We did five shows a day, so I got five little 'turns' organized. Diabolical I was, but eager; mother always said
'Remember, Beryl, when they
ask, there's nothing you can't

the films ended. I got a room

in Brixton for £3 a week, lodg-

ing with an Italian family who kept sending their gold wed-ding rings back to Mussolim to

After a while I decided I'd better move on from Bridling-ton, so I went to audition for ton, so I went to audition for Jack Gilliam who was the big variety impresario of his day 'What do you do?' he asked. 'Everything', I told him. 'How much?' he asked. 'Three pounds a week', I said. 'All my life', he said, 'I've been looking for someone who would do everything for three pounds a week'. Actually he don, then Broadway and then the film though they should only gave me two pounds ten. That got me through to about 1941, then I got a job in what they called Cinevariety at the Gaumont in Lewisham; that meant five shows a day in between the films, and then I used to double the Astoria, Old Kent Road, with the Astoria, Brixton. They used to take us backwards and forwards in a bus to do the stage shows as

The big time came after the war when she got her "Monica" and "Marlene" monologues together and became a regular at the Palladium and on Educating Archie. Archie:

Archie:

"But I'd always wanted to work in the straight theatre, and I began doing little Watergate revues in the 1950s. There Michael Codron saw me, and a few years later he rang and asked if I'd go to see a play called Entertaining Mr Sloane. I think he m mm mm thought I was rather too straightlaced; anyway the next morning he rang, and when I told him I'd liked it he said he toid film I'd liked it he said he had a script for me. It was The Killing of Sister George.

"Not that that was an overnight success; on the pre-London tour they hated us so much we couldn't even get served in the shops. At Hull

they'd never had a play about lesbians before, and they weren't about to have one then either. Next to the stage door, there was a shop which had a big sign in the window adver-tising second-hand false teeth and to take my mind off the play I used to stare at that a lot, wondering what sort of people sold their old teeth, and who to. Anyway I told Eileen Arkins we'd be off after one night in London, but then came the premier and I sudthe film, though they should have had Eileen for that too.

It's a funny business.
"A few years later I was doing Madame Arcati for Noel Coward in Blithe Spirit and he came backstage after the first night and we stayed talking so long in the dressing room that we were the last people out of the theatre, except the fireman who said goodnight to us so I said 'Goodnight Fireman' and Noel said 'What I like best about you, Beryl, is that wonderful

Cottesloe

Irving Wardle

I hope Bill Bryden will take it as a compliment when I say that his production of this O'Neilli duologue releases you (after barely an hour) with all the sensation of having spent a long evening in the theatre.

Audience conversation in the Cottesioe on Tuesday fell to dead silence well before we heard a line of the text: there was too a line of the text: there was too much already happening on the stage. The eye takes in a bleak hotel lobby, its fancy swing doors belying the shabby interior, the pink sign of the Manhattan Elevated Railway glowing from the street, and, enthroned at the matchwood reception deak the motionless reception desk, the motionless figure of the night clerk, a pallid emblem of the nocturnal city barely more human than is surroundings. Hayden Griffin and Andy

Phillips, the design and lighting team responsible for the Cottes-loe's O'Neill season, once again suck the spectator into the O'Neill prison house where it is permanently three o'clock in

the morning.

Hughie, a miniature companion piece to The Iceman Cometh on the necessity of comforting illusions, tells the story of Erie Smith, a small-time gambler and Broadway sport of the 1920 respections to the midthe 1920s, returning to the mid-town dump where for the past 15 years he has found consola-tion for each day's humiliations by playing the bigs not to the gullible night clerk. Hughie. Now Hughie is dead, and Erie reappears, shattered with drink, debts, and exhaustion, but un-able to go to bed until he has found somebody to prop up his

sagging ego. The play consists of a virtually uninterrupted monologue in which Erie gives away the sad pretensions and failures of

his life, finally acknowledging that although he always played the wise guy to Hughie's sucker. Hughie was in fact his dearest

friend.

The question this raises in performance is whether Hughis is a one character or two characters. acter piece. O'Neill's stage directions, which notate the night clerk's unspoken thoughts in copious detail, leave no doubt that he intended it as a duologue along the lines of Strindberg's The Stronger. But any accor sparring against Erie within the impassive limits of the right clerk is cruelly handicapped; and not even Howard Goorney's desolate profile and rapturous last-minute acceptance of Hughie's role can establish the evening as anything other than a one-man show.

As the man in question is the long-awaited Stacy Keach, there will be no more complaints from me. Monologue his per-formance may be, but it also articulates three separate lines of dramatic action—as an act of self-revelation, an elegiac portrait of the dead Hughie, and-the motive driving all this along—a series of rebufied overtures to Hugbie's succes-

Mr Keach places Erie from his moment of entrance, charging through the doors in panic-stricken flight from the city, and then collecting himself and swaggering to the desk and drumming out a jazz rhythm as he demands his key.

From his co-respondent shoes to his snap brim boater, he comes over as a loud mouthed small-timer about to collapse into the abyss: but without ever smudging that Runyonesque portrait, Mr Keach also builds up a vocally precise image of the absent Hughie and his family, and shows the direct emotions of loss and affection struggling stammerinaly to the surface. As so often with O'Neill, one goes in dread and comes out enriched.

social, not physical. However, Paxton still describes their

relationship as partnering each

other and the result as an "im-

provised conversation".

The tone of Paxton's dancing

and Moss's playing is certainly conversational, not theatrical. The virtuosity Paxton can com-

mand (as we know from his

days dancing with Merce Cun-ningham) is bidden; instead he adopts a mainly pedestrian pace, simple gestures, a casual gait. Moss plays a battery of

percussion instruments, includ-ing some that look more like

sculpture or bathroom imple-ments, and makes mouth-music with a kind of gobbled, garbled

speech.

Steve Paxton ICA

John Percival

There were people waiting forlornly outside the ICA entrance in the Mall for anyone with a

spare ticket for Steve Paxton's concert with David Moss, opening the second Brivish "Dance Umbrella" festival. Even making allowances for the ICA theatre's limited capacity, that augurs well for the sea-son, planned on a more ambitious scale than its predecessor 14 months ago.

The idea, imitated from New York, is to provide cover for dance performances unlikely otherwise to be seen here. Twenty-five companies, groups or solo programmes are scheduled between now and mid-March, 10 of them from overseas, Canada, Holland and USA. As well as ICA and Riverside, both used before, London will have performances at The Place, the Shaw Theatre and Whitechapel Art Galcontact improvisation which formers introduce physical contact involves between the dancers as the basis of their movements. This

is different in that his partner

is not a dancer but a musician.

David Moss, and their contact is

Each spends part of the time doing nothing but concentrate on what the other is performing. When music and dance are simultaneous, there is no obvious rhythmic connexion; it is mood and intention they are responding to It makes a quiet responding to, It makes a quiet, self-possessed performance, car-ried forward with great skill and an amiable manner, interesting on its own terms.

Those terms leave out many week's production, Backwater,

qualities which most spectators look for in the theatre. Just what is omitted can be seen in the last 10 minutes when, in what look like encores, the pervariety of pace and display of be valued mainly for what it achieves in searching out new possibilities for dance, rather than as a finished theatrical product.

LSO/Abbado Festival Hall

Noel Goodwin

There are encouraging signs that the LSO has begun the long climb back to a former level of musical sensibility with the advent of Claudio Abbado as principal conductor, although neither can afford to coast along on the reputation of the other as occasionally seemed to be happening on Tuesday. Rather too much of Schubert's "Unfinished" Symphony was allowed to unfold almost casually at the start of the programme, except when the conductor decided to impart some additional measure of expressive character, with a portenious weight of phrasing in measured tempo that then made Schubert sound a close

relation of Tchaikovsky. relation of Tchaikovsky.

He certainly gave warchful support in Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto to the gifted Anne-Sophie Mutter, who was making her first London appearance with a British orchestra at the age of 16. Since her first boost by Karajan into the international spotlight three years ago, she has evidently kept firm enough control over herself to perform control over herself to perform the most lyrical of concerto classics with cool assurance and a truly astonishing quality of silken tone, and immaculate intonation. It is hoped that at

some later date she will develop the mature musical personality with which to fulfil her present present r present potential as an arnist.

The scale of her performance was decidedly on the small side, and the orchestral playing had a kindly restraint in matching it. Something of this still lingered on into the account of Haydn's Sinfonia Concertante that followed after the interval. when the four principals of violin, cello, oboe and bassoon engaged in a civilized and keenly pointed musical conversation that at times sounded too detached from the rest of the orchestra around them. Mr Abbado considerately allowed the concertino players their head within the loose bounds he set, but he might also have given more encouragement to the orchestral tail.

It was a waste of orchestral resources to have the LSO's full ensemble on hand, and engage them only in the final and shortest work of the con-cert, Till Eulenspiegel. To hear the spirit and buoyancy with which Mr Abbado invested the timeless pranks of Richard Strauss's rascally hero, the sparkling instrumental response, notably from horns and wood-wind, and the musicality with which the episodes were por-trayed made it a matter for regret that conductor and orchestra had nothing more challenging to offer on this occasion.

Агепа BBC 2

Stanley Reynolds

With her lips painted either black or purple and that wild assortment of witchy clothes, little Lene Lovich tickles the fancy. Does this former arts student, former street busker, and—if the publicity is to be believed—former belly-dancer in the Middle East possess a true wildness? Or is it yet untrue wildness? Or it is yet another touch of imaginary wickedness? Miss Lovich, who used to be a professional screamer, who apparently did the screams in horror films,

Listening to her sing you could hear a cuddly little girl's sound in her voice and you realized that all that wickedness and wildness is just selfprovoked imaginary stuff. For tempts at producing some mid-Atlantic version of the Duende the soul song, she is just Shirley Temple kidnapped by is simply her youth. But Miss Lovich comes highly recommended to us from the people who spend their time listening out for what is new among the kids of today.

She is no Piaf. Arena did her proud however. There was some imaginative work with the camera. She was seen viewing the Berlin Wall. It was all very stark, grim, and horrid. Her dark blue eyes was the subject of Arena on looked set to bubble with grief.

BBC 2 last night. The producer, Alan Yentob, and the director, Nigel Finch, had the idea of following the mysterious half-English, half-Amering the back and I won't take ican singer on a tour of Berlin. long".

Sheridan Morley | Some of the reviews on this page are reprinted from yester-day's later editions

As both sides in the steel strike hold crucial meetings today: an assessment by Paul Routledge and Peter Hill

Tempted back from the brink?

Two crucial meetings take place this morning of fundamental importance to the and the country's industria Mrs Thatcher and her Cabinet colleagues will reflect on the effects of their non intervention in the state steel strike.

The Cabinet's discussion must

eurely be dominated by a desire to find an early solution with minimum loss of face all round. Ministers remain publicly committed to standing aloof from the wage dispute, but seasoned Thatcher watchers detect a greater readiness to sacrifice doctrinaire philosophy to the needs of the hour—if it can be done without a massive collapse of confidence in governmental credibility.

In the less august environs of King's Cross the 21 member executive of the dominant Iron and Steel Trades Confederation meets to confirm its decision to call out up to 20,000 more men employed in the private steelmaking sector. Representatives of steel unions from all over the world are attending the meeting to advise on the closing of the few remaining loopholes allowing imported steel into the United Kingdom. Only a few hours remain before the strike reaches a critical weekend watershed. Unless a fresh peace institute is mounted quickly, the private sector will be brought to an unwilling, but probably effective half, the people of south Wales will suffer a one day "general strike" with the rhreat of worse to come and the TUC may be obliged, how-

ever, reluctantly, to carry out its threat to precipitate "the most serious industrial conse-ouences" over the British Steel Corporation's steel plant closure programme.
With all domestic production
at a standstill, ports blockaded, sympathy action by affiliated unions of the International Metal Workers' Federation and ugly scenes at factory gates, large tracts of British industry will come slowly, but inevitably

to a standstill. Exports, aiready compromised by the strength of sterling, will not only be delayed but may be lost irretrievably, layoffs will mount among those workers employed by the major steel using industries and com-

panies will close. Worse still, when the dispute is over, gaping wounds will remain, the bitterness will remain, the bitterness will men. If it is to stick, any solu-linger on between management tion must therefore look beyond and workers in the steel indus-try and elsewhere. Foreign and the artificial deadline which



Mr William Sirs (in anorak) and Mr Hector Smith (left) the blast furnacemen's leader

—construction engineering, motor manufacture, canning and shipbuilding and many more—will seek to replace BSC with foreign steel suppliers

Is this really what the Government wants? Is it what the

BSC wants? Is it what Mr William Sirs and his ISTC colleagues want? The one thing that all the parties are agreed on is that the consequences of the strike will be very serious indeed.

Presumably they all share a common interest in settling the dispute which is now in its fourth week. Assembling the elements of a compromise deal will be difficult. Both unions and management have expended vastly more energy on digging ever deeper foxboles than on seeking out common ground. That task was left to the Advis-ory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service whose officials yes-terday began the unenviable task of marrying the conflicting demands of both sides.

Some obvious bridges over the negotiating gulf suggest themselves. The dispute is now widening to involve the whole financial basis of BSC's operations. The TUC is challenging ministerial approval of the plant closure programme, as well as lining up with the striking steel-

markets for British steel and has been set for the industry British goods will be lost and to achieve commercial viability. the major steel using industries An extended period of rundown of capacity going beyond the present unrealistic August date to encompass most, if not all, of the new financial year beginning in April (for which the Government has allocated a £450m cash limit) would almost certainly bring a positive response from the TUC. Consultations could begin on the phasing

of excess steelmaking capacity. The collapse of market demand prompted the draconian measures to bring BSC capacity more into line with foreseeable demand and for a level of production which could be sold at a profit. But that programme has to be seen in the context of the overall European steel industry restructuring programme orchestrated by Indus-try Commissioner Davignon.

Ministers might therefore take up the TUC's proposal that the European Coal and Steel Community should foot more of the bill than it has in the past. Money released by such a measured rationalization of the industry could then be employed in financing the kind of settle-ment which if not perfectly fitted to the monetarist theory might still find acceptance It is impossible to read the minds of the steel unions' nego-

tiators and therefore gauge

their final terms for a settle-

substantial basic pay increase linked to a statement of intent covering job flexibility and manning levels. The way might then be clear to take up the steel unions' important concession on joint productivity bergaining at local level.

BSC has already offered a 4 per cent guaranteed perform-

ance bonus for the first quarter of this year and the prospect of much more if the expected improved output per man materializes. Both sides now recognize the need for a lead-in payment to get local produc-tivity deals off the ground. Steelworkers, like coal miners, need the monivation of a visible cash target at which they can aim. If the money is available, it ought not to be beyond the

wit of BSC management to provide it.

The aim must certainly be to eliminate overmaming, reduce costs and sell steel at a profit. But if the country is faced with an industrial Armageddon it is surely reasonable for all parties—and the Government has a responsibility both as banker and shareholder of the BSC—to search actively and

When the previous Conserva-tive government experienced its first industrial confrontation, it took 20 weeks of limited industrial action and a strike by the miners to produce Lord Wilber force's celebrated judgment that "too much was asked of these men". Does the country have to go through all that ment. But they may be tempted these the back to the bargaining table bave to by an offer composed of a again?

The analysis I made last week of the protected position of Labour's Militant infiltrators has since received striking confirmation from the utterances of left-wing MPs who have sought to play down the significance of the Trotskyist ele-

The leftist establishment has predictably rallied to declare against any "witch-hunt" of an element that is tactically useful in the highly successful advance of the united left. Yet it is never wise to assume that when politics we do not like succeed, this must be due to plots and tactics alone. Political groups with nothing to say that con-nects with prevailing political conditions get nowhere, how-ever brilliant their tactics.

The united left would not have achieved its present success but for the failure of social democracy, as the Labour Party has recently understood it, to run a mixed economy without inflation, or to maintain a successful relationship in

office with the trade unions. It is the failure of what might be called Gaitskellism with a Wilsonian face that enables the Labour Left to assert that the trouble is not too much socialism, but too little. What is more, there is a kind of historical truth lying behind this assertion that only a fool would

If Mrs Thatcher fails to change the direction of the nation, the alternative to the Tories cannot be a re-hash of the old social democratic nos-trum of planning and govern-ment subsidies, with pay and price controls, but a Labour government with a much clearer intention of rebuilding the country on fundamentally socialist lines than any of its predecessors since the war.

Indeed, if the Conservatives cannot make a basically free enterprise economy work politically, the logical alternative is the socialist siege economy, however little we may care for the price in terms of human liberty that would have to be

paid to make it operative. The moderates would, in fact, stand a better chance of regaining control of Labour if Mrs Thatcher succeeded, and then obtained a further term of office. This would oblige Labour to find its own credible alternative within a free economy that was working. But in the meantime, they have to decide what to do now.

Some of them have clearly been more disposed to think in terms of a new break-away party under Mr Roy Jenkins's leadership since he indicated that he might be interested in a new centre party after he has finished at Brussels. No doubt those who are so inclined will have been heartened by the evidence from last week's vantage, opinion poll in The Times Bur is it possible for the which suggested that a national Labour moderates to shed their

Ronald Butt

The birth of an idea in Labour politics

majority (54 per cent) would like to see a centre party.

Yet the reality is that human beings are always prone to fantasize about the lion lying down with the lamb. The paradisial idea of peace-filled moderation is always appealing—provided it doesn't stop us -provided it doesn't stop us from trying to get our own way. A break-away centre party would have the further weakness that it would have no basis of interest or finance, once the ancient connexton with the unions had been severed, and it is for this reason that there are some social democrats who toy with the idea of a split right through the party so that the parliamentary moderates could take with them the could take with them the moderate unions, and claim to keep the brand name "Labour Party". I do not think this will happen because the will to divide the trade union move-ment simply does not exist. Indeed, I doubt whether i

will be by splits and break-ups of any sort that the shape of British politics will eventually be changed Lasting new politi-cal parties have never come about in that way. From the Peelites and the Liberal Unionists to the National Liberals and National Labour. split-off parties have never sur-vived. The only new party that has replaced an old one was Labour, which took the Lib-erals' place because it had something to say, and an interest to promote, that the Liberals could not represent. The failure of the Liberals now also arises, not from the

lack of proportional representation but from their want of something to say that responds to a sufficiently large number of people. And of course, the Labour right-wing, obsessed with bureaucratic solutions to social and economic problems, and so often openly contemptuous in its social engineering of what most people want, suf-fers precisely the same disad-

vantage.

But is it possible for the



of the old hard left.

élitist instinct and their urge for government by political con-It is this failure of the Labour right to do more than regurgitate their old and failed

ideas that gives a certain interest to some signs of new activity in that small and rebellious body of originally right-wing Labour grass roots sup-porters (though some of them have now been expelled) known as the Social Democratic

The SDA, under the indefati-gable leadership of Mr Douglas Eden and Dr Stephen Haseler, once GLC councillors, and now under expulsion from the Labour Party, have for several years never ceased in their campaign to show what the "Popular Front" left is up to. They have deluged the press with information about who has consorted with whom, and about the connexions of the Labour

left with the communist world. They have been the scourge of the old hard left as well as the Militants, and their hope (it has seemed) has been to protrative in the party by the men of the Labour right.

Now, it seems, the SDA is Now, it seems, the SDA is about to go it alone. They claim that, far from having been weakened by the expulsions, their membership has instors, their membership has in-creased, and they now argue that left-of-centre moderation can only succeed by a new and much more populist appeal to the mass of lower middle class and working class voters who have supported the Labour

Party.

The word "populist" (a term of abuse on the Whiggish Labour right) holds no horrors for them. They talk of the freedom of the individual against the arbitrary power of public and private authoriuss; they advocate the protection of individual workers' rights against the attempts of union oligarchies to enforce monopoly powers; they advocate a fair rather than an egalinarian society; they prefer workers' cooperatives and employee shareholding to state-ownership; they speak of working people's they speak of working people's wish for the rule of law against crime and vandalism; they want to break down the artificial barriers between class and class; they are not even afraid to talk about patriotism.

The members of this tiny organization, which had its birth in the Labour Party but is now effectively outside it, are thinking in terms of becoming the nucleus of a new political force outside the existing party structure. They do not, it seems, retain much hope of a revival of social democracy within the present Labour organization, but some of them seem to think that Mr Rov Jenkins might join them in due course—though since it would be hard to find a less populist. and more élitist, social demo-crat than Mr Jenkins, that strikes me as an unlikely proposition.

Yet, if the left finally captures Labour as it now is; if Mrs Thatcher wins again, or if there is some sort of cataclysm in British politics, it is from just such ideas, if not from this particular organization, that a new social democratic party might emerge. Is a populist, élitist, non-bureaucratic, socialjustice, left-ol-centre party (that is virtually non-socialist in the old sense) possible in British politics? Or is it a contradiction in terms?

I do not know the answer, but the question is one for such moderates as Mr William Rodgers and Mr Roy Mason to ponder. Whatever happens to the SDA's new initiative, it is just possible that in some such approach lies the solution that Labour moderates will eventually have to grasp.

Bernard Levin

The indefensible face of apartheid

Ex Africa semper aliquid novi, except that from certain parts of that continent the news is always the same, even though the names may change. Con-sider first today the case of the Reverend David Russ-Wynberg, a suburb of Cape victed in 1977 on a charge of of the Anglican Church in Town, who is due to appear in court there tomorrow on several charges, which include publishing an "undesirable South Africa was held in Graseveral charges, which include publication", which was a hamstown, Natal, presided over breaking his banning order by the Riot Police in the Burnings Town, William Burnett. To the travelling out of the discrete the Riot Police in the Burnings Town, William Burnett. To the which it confines him, and failing on the occasion of his leaving it to report to the police, a duty which the order lays committed by the police in the upon him. Mr Russell is riots there. All the defendants already awaiting judgment and were convicted, and Mr Russell sentence on four other was given a suspended prison charges, which include other alleged breaches of his banning order and the possession of a banned book, Biko, by Donald Woods (the book gives an account of the murder by South African police of the roung black leader, and of the cover-up launched by the then Minister of Justice, James Kruger); he is also awaiting the outcome of his appeal against conviction on yet other charges. The reason for this to be shared by those the campaign of intimidation and police killed in Nyanga.) On persecution by the South African authorities is that Mr Russell's pastoral work is of the sentences awaiting the Care and Severity of the Sev among the people of the Cross-

roads township, which they are determined to destroy.

The circumstances of the conviction and charges against Mr Russell, the reason for his

an Anglican priest from can clergymen, he was con- ning of December, the Synod Mr Russell and his four fellow-priests appealed against their convictions; it is the sus-

pended judgment on these appeals that they now await. (In the course of the appeal counsel for the state said rather chermingly that the allegations were such that "the police could not defend themselves", a view not likely to be shared by those the police killed in Nyanga.) On the outcome of the appeal will Reverend David Russell on the charges on which he has already been convicted (includ-

ing possession of Biko).
That, however, does That, however, does not exhaust the catalogue of legal actions against him; the latest banning, and the purpose of actions against him; the latest his departure from Wynberg, are those, mentioned above, are all of some significance. relating to the breaking of his Along with four other Anglibanning order. At the begin-

astonishment and delight of the gathering of bishops and other clergy. Mr appeared without Mr Russell before the opening session, and was most wormly received then and at the sessions of the synod which he attended. One of the priests at the synod has explained that the form of summons to attend it, issued by the archbishop, was binding upon him. "He could not fail to come", said this clergyman: The archbishop is his father in God and a summons from him is more binding than restrictions imposed by the state." (It would, of course, be even more interesting to know what Mr Russell himself said by way of explanation of his action, and indeed in his speeches at the synod, but as he is a banned person, all South African publications are

says, so that none of his words are at present available to the South African authorities might take no action against Mr Russell in respect of this

conduct; he returned quietly

It is a remarkable man who pleads from within his own persecution for the victim of another home to his house-arrest in are God's. So two summonses

Wynberg as soon as the synod was over, and it seemed possible that the authorities might weigh the satisfaction of persecuting him still further against the possible publicity abroad (Mrs Helen Suzman said that such a case "would make headlines throughout the world") and decide to ignore his action. But it was not to be; Mr Russell (described by the South African Bishop Deshe is a benned person, all mond Tutu as "the freest South African publications are forbidden, under fearsome penalties, to quote anything be years defying South Africa's rulers by practising Christianity with consenting adults ie.) (and even children) in public,
At first it was believed that and if he had been allowed to get away with conduct of this sort he would probably have tary, incidentally, Mrs Clemin-tence of three months' impris-gone further and started ren-dering to God the things that another book on Biko, awaits called up again, and again

were served upon him. (Per-haps it would be helpful if I were to summarize the criminal calendar of Mr Russell at this point. Tomorrow he faces a first hearing on two summonses relating to the alleged breaking of a banning order; later this month or early in February he will know the outcome of his appeal against conviction on charges of telling the truth about police crimes in Nyanga; on February 1 he will hear the outcome of his trial on charges of breaking his barming order on another occasion and of possessing a book containing the truth go, saying that he could not about the police murder of help to defend the unjust society that South Africa is, will be sentenced. His secre-

ntencing on February 18.) I hope to provide information about the ourcome of Mr Russell's various legal tribulations; I must also mention that the wood he attended in defiance been attended by the two Bishops of Mozambique, but these were prevented by their state from travelling to South Africa-truly, though there is tyranny in apartheid, there is apartheid in tyranny.

Which brings me to the second South African resister of the week. At the synod, Archbishop Burnett said "I believe the denial of justice and freedom to distranchised people in South Africa is so gross as to make the South African way of life indefensible—a cause you cannot defend". This is a view shared by a young lay Baptist in South Africa, Mr Peter Moll, who is an actuarial student, and is also studying theology part-time. He did his compulsory basic military training in the ordinary way, and was then, as a reservist, called up for border service in December, 1977. He refused to go, saying that he could not help to defend the unjust society that South Africa is.

refused on the same grounds of conscience; this time, at a court martial in September last year, he was fined. Almost immediately afterwards he was by not the state should also have refused to go; at the court heen attended by the two martial he had said that if the laws of God and the laws of man conflicted, the laws of God, for him, took priority, and this clearly remains his view. For his third refusal, he was

tried by a military court on December 4 last, and this time the cat stopped playing; Peter Moll was sentenced to the maximum sentence, 18 months imprisonment. He had repeated his willingness, expressed at his earlier trials, to do civilian service as a substitute for military, but there is no provision for conscientious objectors in South Africa to be directed to such an alternative, and his request was turned down. Before his trial, he had written a letter to the commanding officer of the unit to which he was required to report. In it, he declared that the injustice of South Africa was such that it "makes one question very seriously just what one is required to fight for, and what one is required to die for ". And having considered that question seriously, he had con-

constitutional and peaceful means, but bannings, deten-tions without trial and shootings had removed all hope of peaceful change . . . This is a situation of fundamental injustice. Until it is the governmeat's express intention to conscience to defend it.

P.S.—As I write, there comes news that the Reverend David Russell has sent a relegram to Mr Brezhnev, on behalf of a priest, Father Dudko, who has been arrested there for his Christian beliefs; truly it is a remarkable man who pleads from within his own persecution for the victim of another. I conclude, therefore, with the text of his message:

I appeal to you to release Father Dmitti Dudko from detention that he may be able to minister to his congregation in freedom. I ask as one banned by the Government of South Africa and under nightly house arrest which severely limits my freedom. I face charges and likely prison sentences. One of the touchstones in the judgment of history on any regime will be the treatment of dissenters. The world sees tragic paral lels to what is being done to Father Dudko and those detained and restricted in South Africa. The arbitrary abuse of power can never serve the struggle for a humane society which is free and just. May you apply wisdom and compassion in releasing Father

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SCOTTISH ARTS DIARY

Living on memories of Shakespeare

At a time when arts organiza-tions are tightening their belts, Scotland still seems full of new projects—new galleries, new theatres, new companies. Yet the one really wealthy place, Aberdeen, remains strangely backward in some areas of the arts, notably in providing any professional drama of its own. Aberdeen is awash with oil

money: local government is housed in big new complexes, new housing estates and commercial buildings rise apace, spending on light entertainment is high, but the city does not even have its own theatre companies. pany, an amenity which is enjoyed by far smaller, and poorer, cities.

There is support for the arts: Aberdeen has a fine art gallery and is about to spend £2m on the His Majesty's Theatre, which caters for visiting pro-ductions and amateur groups. But campaigns for a repertory company have always come to nought.

The latest attempt to energize the city came in 1978 from the Scottish Arts Council, who com-missioned a report which urged the establishment of a small

company based in Aberdeen but also touring the Grampian region. Last week the city council finally decided its action on the report : further investiga-tion of various options,

Somehow the will to do anything seems lacking. Apart from the general restraints on local government spending, relations nerween the region and the district are bad, making cooperation difficult. Some officials doubt whether there is really sufficient support for a theatre company.

As one theatrical campaigner said: "It is like batting your head against a brick wall." If Aberdomans are deprived now, they will soon lack even touring productions: the city will be without a proper theatre for 14 months while His Majesty's Theatre is being reno-

"We are the land of the philistines," said one official. "But it is not strictly true. Shakespeare visited here, you

But that was four centuries ago-and, of course, it was with a touring production.

The red shoes dance again While the Dance Umbrella festival is going on down south, the Scottish Ballet will be hold-



ing its own week of festivities in Glasgow. It will be opened on February 25 by Moira Shearer, introducing the film for which she is particularly remembered, The Red Shocs.

Then on March 1 the verson Then on March 1, the veteran ballerina will be taking the stage again, dancing at a public

ballet performance for the first time since 1952. She will be performing a short solo ballet, specially created by the company's artistic director, Peter Darrell. During the gala evening there will also be a performance of Five Rückert Songs, with Dame Janet Baker as the

Other programmes will offer up to a score of new short works, being created by members of the company. These will include plenty of light-hearted entertainment, designed to show people that ballet "is not all tutus and tartan dancing

Later this year the company will make us debut at the Edinburgh Festival, with programmes including The Tales of Hoffman.

Trying to fill Edinburgh's hole There is in Edinburgh a femous hole in the ground which seems doomed to be a graveyard for civic ambinions. The site in Castle Terrace appears capable of swallowing all manner of Once upon a time it was destined as the site for an opera

Nevertheless the council remains undatmeed and last week decided to make new attempts to find someone to build a lux-

but the developers dropped the

Meanwhile, on one corner of the size, the Little Lyceum theatre companies to thrive. Les-lie Lawton, the Lyceum's new director, said he was originally told the theatre would have to close immediately after the last told the theatre would have to close immediately efter the last festival, then that it would be pulled down after Christmas, then three days before Christ-mas that it would not be pulled down immediately, but would definitely come down by the summer.

He displays bate faith in the latest development plans: he is already thinking about pro-ductions for 1981.

Funnily enough, dreams of an opera house still remain: Lothian regional council is spending £400,000 on restoring to life the Edinburgh Playhouse, a very large disused cinema; now

The newly formed National Youth Orchestra of Scotland spreads its wings this summer with a tour of Shetland, Orkney and the Highlands. It will include a concert at Sullom Voe, which the orchestra believes will be the farthest house—you may remember the voe, which the orchestra fate of that. Two years ago believes will be the farthest Edinburgh council approved a plan for a Rilson hotel there, ever been given in Britain.

a big orchestra pit is also being However, the building will nor be smable for large-scale opera and ballet unless millions of pounds are spent on stage ex-tensions, and it is questionable whether there would be suffic-ient visiting productions to just-

ify such expense.
The Playhouse is due to reopen in June, with smaller scale opera and ballet, variety and pop shows among its plans; the regional council is cautiously waiting to gauge public support for the theatre before committing itself to further

Touring the high road

Plenty of money is being spent on building new theatres and renovating old ones, but a problem remains: finding enough decent things to put in them.

Few worthwhile commercial

productions are available and it is increasingly difficult to attract the big English com-panies; so the Scottish Arts of attractive arts centres, like Council believes the only Glasgow's Henry Wood Hall and answer is to create its own Edinburgh's Queen's Hall. souring company. It is now about to launch a completely new Scottish theerre company, which would tour the main theares from a base in

The scheme is being drawn up by Ewan Hooper, a Scot who is particularly known for his work in London, as founder of the Greenwich Theatre. After completing a feasibility study, he is now preparing detailed plans and estimates for a pilot season, to begin in a year's

He envisages an initial season of 13 weeks, with the main emphasis on presenting the work of Scottish playwrights. They would also commission work plays from Scottish writers and new versions of European

His researches have left him in no doubt that there is a demand for all kinds of touring productions and "particularly a need for a company that takes Scottish drama really seriously."

Blessing the arts

The arts in Scotland have received a blessing from the churches, in the shape of dis-used church buildings which

of aimscrive arts centres, rike Glasgow's Henry Wood Hall and Edinburgh's Queen's Hall.

The latest to be put to secular use is the historic Tron Kirk in Glasgow, which will become a home for the Glasgow Theatre Ciub at a cost of £400,000. It hopes to open as

a 240-seat theatre in about s

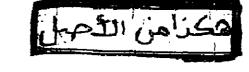
The club is seen as Glasgow's answer to the Traverse Theatre in Edinburgh, which has done

so much to develop new Scottish playwriting. Ironically, the Glasgow scheme is starting at a time when the Traverse is in serious difficulties; it has had to close down for the starting at a serious difficulties; it has had to close down for nine weeks. and with only a tiny auditorium it cannot make enough money to improve its finences. The answer would be a larger build-ing: is there a spare church somewhere, preferably with a sponsor to pay for the conver-sion?

It is worth noting that the arts do reciprocate with the churches: a series of concerts is being mounted ar Canongate kirk in Edinburgh in the hope of increasing the congregation.

If you are on holiday in the Highlands this summer, do not be surprised to come across a strange green and red vehicle which was once a Glasgow Cor-poration double-decker bus. It is a travelling art gallery from the Scottish Arts Council which is currently wintering in the Edinburgh suburbs but will be heading north after the snows have cleared.

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REGRESS IN MOSCOW

Only a significant shift in the balance of Moscow politics can explain the simultaneous banishment of Dr Sakharov and "resignation" of Mr Vladimir Kirillin, Chairman of the State Committee for Science and Technology. Both men are, in their different ways, important figures. No moves against them could have been taken with discussion at the highest level. Almost certainly their fates are interconnected.

On its own the banishment of Dr Sakbarov to the closed city of . Gorkiy would be relatively easy to explain. He has been a thorn in the side of the regime since at least 1961, when he wrote to Mr Khrushchev protesting against atomic bomb tests. In recent years he has been a fearless champion of human rights and the main channel to the west for information on the persecution of dissidents. In 1977 he wrote to President Carter and received a much publicized reply. Some sections of the Soviet establishment must have been itching to get at him for a long time. The green light they have now received could be seen merely as a form of limited retaliation against Mr Carter for his response to the invasion of Afghanistan. It conveys the message that the Soviet Union no longer feels constrained by western opinion. At the same time the move is instantly rever-sible since Dr Sakharov has not been tried or sentenced or sent to the west.

However, there remains a strong suspicion that the matter is not so simple. Dr Sakharov is not just any conveniently available dissident. First, there is the curious choice of timing. The Soviet leadership has been show-ing every sign of being very interested in preserving good relations with France. The banishment of Dr Sakharov could easily have been postponed until after the visit of M Chaban Delmas, yet it was not, and it was too much for the distinguished French visitor. Normally the Soviet leadership is quite good at anticipating problems of this sort, so it is reasonable to assume that there was either a dispute or some kind of abnormal failure of communication and coordination within

Secondly, Dr Sakharov is not just any convenient dissident. As a Nobel Prize winner he is known throughout the world by the scientific community with which the Soviet Union has in recent years been anxious to develop contacts. At home he is a member of the Academy of Sciences. This august body, founded by Peter the Great, enjoys enormous prestige and power. Its members have expelled no one since the death of Stalin and have been conspicuously unwilling to expel Dr Sakharov. Their motives may be largely selfish, since they do not want to set a new precedent, but some must also sympathize with Dr Sakharov's views on the need to modernize the Soviet Union and democratize the Soviet Union. Even now, stripped of all state awards, Dr Sakharov retains his membership, but the treatment of him cannot but be seen as anything but a rebuff to the Academy.

Put this together with the removal of Mr Kirillin and it looks as if the scientific and technocratic establishment is losing ground to the more ideological and regressive elements in the party. It is highly unlikely that Mr Kirillin resigned voluntarily, whether in sympathy with Dr Sakharov or for some other reason. He may have protested against the punishment of Dr Sakharov on the grounds that it would jeopardize scientific contacts with the west. Certainly he knows Dr Sakharov, whose dacha is near his own. Yet in other circumstances none of this would be quite enough to bring about his removal. He has been a very competent man in a key position and he is only 67, which is young by Soviet standards. He was not even among those singled out for special criticism in Mr Brezhnev's speech on economic shortcomings last November. The blame was put mainly on various ministries. Mr Kirillin's committee was merely told that it 'must also work in a more energetic manner".

Probably, therefore, Mr Kirillin found himself on the losing side in some wider power struggle. There have always been conflicting views on the role of the scientific community in the

Soviet Union, and particularly on its contacts with the west. The idea that scientific advance requires a certain level of intellectual freedom is difficult for some sections of the party to swallow, and the opening to the west has provoked more complex disputes. The vast majority of scientists have grasped eagerly at the new opportunities and have grumbled only at continuing restrictions on travel and access to western publications, but there have been some who have felt that their own endeavours were in danger of being pushed aside by west-ern imports. These could have support among more nationalist elements in the party who do not want the Soviet Union to become dependent on western technology. The same camp would include those who distrust all forms of ideological contamination from the west. It was noticeable even in the early seventies that Mr Brezhnev's enthusiastic statements on scientific and economic cooperation with the west were endorsed in much cooler tones by Mr Suslov.

Now that this cooperation has been jeopardized by the invasion of Afghanistan it would not be surprising if those who never liked it anyway were feeling that the tide was running in their favour. Indeed, it must have been running somewhat in their favour when the decision to invade Afghanistan was taken. The tone of the press, which is slipping back towards the Cold War, seems to confirm this trend. Logically, of course, if there is going to be less technology from the west the Soviet authorities should be making new efforts to encourage their own scientists and to reform the system so as to get their achievements into production sooner, but Soviet politicis do not work that way. If the present trend is confirmed, Soviet scientists will come under tighter party controls which will further inhibit their work. Western protests against the shocking treatment of Dr Sakharov, whose dissent has been entirely peaceful and responsible, should therefore help other Soviet scientists as well. Western scientists should make their voices heard.

PUBLIC BORROWING MUST FALL

Mrs Thatcher has known from the start that getting the domestic economy right is the central test for her Government. If inflation is firmly set on a downward trend towards an annual rate of increase once again in single figures she can confidently expect to win the next general election. If, however, the "Thatcher experiment does not produce such results, even extensive successes in other areas will not save her politically. It is against this background that she and her Treasury ministers are now preparing for the March budget and the associated White Paper on public expenditure for the years 1980-81 and beyond.

Many of the decisions in this area have in practice already been taken by the Government and are beginning to surface piece-meal in press reports. This appears to be a deliberate decision aimed at preparing the ground for the very substantial changes in policy that will in total be required if the Government is to reduce present spending plans by up to £2,000m in a full year. In addition, Mr Lawson, as Financial Secretary to the Treasury, has been making speeches designed to communi-

cate the same message.
With the benefit of hindsight Mrs Thatcher and her Chancellor of the Exchequer may be regretting that they did less at the start of this Government's term to get up-wind of the inherited economic and financial dangers. Despite all the proclaimed rigour of the Government's economic policies on coming to office, public spending in the short term

Money for medical studies From Dr Brian Mawhinney, MP for Peterborough (Conservative)

Sir, Professor Crisp's letter (January 19) will have surprised and saddened a lot of people in London University's Medical Faculty, Many of his colleagues will be sad that such a noted medical scientist resorted to exaggerated claims. The claims, for example, that the Government's decision to charge realistic medical fees for overseas students "may well cripple some of our most famous medical schools", and that it "effectively dismantles irreversibly some of the London medical institutes are

insupportable. The surprise lies in the inclusion in the same letter of the above statements on "dismantling" and "crippling" some London medical institutions with the sentence in his first paragraph: The task of recommending ways of making undergraduate and postgraduate medical education in London more cost effective in the interests of preserving its excellence is currently

under way in this university." The committee to which he refers s chaired by Lord Flowers and Professor Crisp serves on it. The committee will report next month and its main recommendations have already been widely leaked within the university. They include the closure of the preclinical depart-ments of St Thomas' Hospital Medical School and of the Royal Free Hospital Medical School ; the closure of the clinical departments of the Westminster Hospital Medical

will still be higher than in 1978-9. Further, the critical public sector borrowing requirement will almost certainly turn out this year to have been substantially above forecasts, with a further increase next year unless policies are drastically changed. As a consequence the growth path of money sur significantly above even the target range inherited from the previous administration, let alone the lower target range adopted by the Chancellor at the time of

The result has been to waste the impact of the increase in the Bank of England's minimum lending rate to 14 per cent at the time of last June's budget. Indeed, as we know, the Government has had subsequently to accept much higher levels of interest, despite political unpopularity and the economic damage that these may do in the medium term, in order to preserve its basic policies to combat inflation. It is always easier for a Government to do difficult things in the immediate aftermath of an election victory. The task now in the second budget of getting the underlying fiscal and monetary policy firmly back onto the rails will be rather more painful.

The overwhelming priority, however, remains to get the public sector's borrowing requirement under control and on a downward trend as a proportion of the nation's output. Mr Lawson has been right to stress that this is the central aspect of the "Thatcher experiment". For, if the Government's borrowing

ing to do. Yours faithfully,

House of Commons.

Council

London's third airport

From the Chairman of Essex County

Sir, It was kind of Sir Colin Buchanan (January 9) to refer to

the tenacity shown by the Essex County Council in 1965-66 in suc-

cessfuly fighting and defeating the Government's proposal for Stan-

The sad history of the Stansted

débacle over the past 20 years is

the blind insistence of the Depart-

ment of Trade and the British Air-ports Authority that Stansted holds

all the answers to the natron's air-

port problems, without any regard

athersoever to the consequences of

creating a major urban development in a delightful part of rural Essex.

Yet again, Essex is faced with

proposals for the development of

Stansted by a Government which has apparently been advised to completely disregard the considered advice of the local authority repre-

is in such circumstances likely that they would indeed rise still further. The consequent further depression of business confidence and the outlook for employment would be very serious To achieve an improvement there will have to be a combination of reduced expenditure and his first budget.

increased revenue. It is always tempting for a government in this position to hope that major expenditure savings can be achieved by greater efficiency and less waste. Certainly something can be done in these directions, but hard experience leads to the conclusion that real cuts in practice, as opposed to forecast cuts in White Papers, can be achieved only by cutting out major functions at present being undertaken by government, central and local, or by major changes in policy.

needs are allowed further to rise,

it is certain that the general level

of interest rates will not fall. It

On the revenue side the Government will be tempted by the political attractions of further cuts in direct taxation. It will, however, have little room for such cuts this year and it should probably accept the fact. There is no reason why the Chancellor should not continue his plans for reform of the system of capital taxation, where the net revenue loss can be kept within bounds. His main source of increased revenue, however, will have to be excise duties and the profits of the gas and electricity industries. He should take his decisions here despite the short term effect on the cost of living.

sentatives who were members of its own advisory committee. In his statement to the House of Commons announcing the Stansted proposals on December 17, the Secretary of State for Trade, Mr John Nort, made no reference whatsoever to the conclusion of his local authority advisors on the Study Group Report on South East Airports that the ultimate development of Stansted for the new airport as now envisaged would mean a population increase of 208,500 people. Growth of this size inevitably means new towns and associated development in what is at present a delightful and produc-School; and the closure of several postgraduate medical institutes.

Wito is "dismantling" and "crippling" whom and for what reasons will be the subject of heated debate within London's medical institutions over the part few institutions over the next few months. Few, if any, will believe that the Government is the culprit. Professor Crisp has some explain-BRIAN MAWHINNEY, Senior Lecturer, Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, at present a delightful and produc-tive area of farm lands in wholly

> successful outcome. For what has changed since the previous Conservative Government, in 1971, to their credit rejected any inland site for the third London air-port because of "the irreversible damage that would be done to large tracts of countryside and many settled communicies by the creation of an airport" Yours faithfully,

Chairman. Essex County Council, County Hall,

rural countryside.
On both previous occasions the Government's proposals for the development of Stansted as the new airport have been rejected out of hand when they have been exemined under the light of a public inquiry. Have no doubt. Sir Colin, that the Essex County Council will fight the present proposals with the same tenacity as it has shown on previous occasions and with the same

STANLEY G. BARNETT.

Yours sincerely, JACK JONES, Associations, 16 Swains Lane, N6.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Boycotting the Olympics

From Mr Spartak Beglov

Sir, "National Olympic committees must be autonomous and must resist all pressures of any kind whatsoever, whether of a political, religious or economic nature " (Olympic Charter, section 3, rule 24,

President Carter's attempt to prevent US sportsmen from participat-ing in the 1980 Olympics was supposed to be directed against the Soviet Union. In practice, however, is poses a threat to the Olympic movement and every other form of international cooperation.

Hundreds of thousands of sports-

men on all continents, including the United States, prepare for the chance to represent their country at the Olympics. For many sports-men the Olympic Games are a once-in-a-lifetime experience. It is their greatest opportunity to display achievements resulting from many years of hard training. To be able to use that opportunity is to exer-cise the right to realise one's talent and the fruit of one's work. In a bid to make the world Olympic movement an instrument of political blackmail, the US Administration may turn American sportsmen into mere pawns manipulated by ambitious politicians who "flex their muscles" before the forth-coming elections.

In this sense, Washington's action is a violation of human rights, the right of thousands of young American sportsmen to compete in the world's greatest athletic event. It is also an encroachment on rights of hundreds of thousands of

sportsmen in other countries and the rights of every person committed to the Olympic ideals.

The world Olympic movement is a common asset of all nations. It emerged and became established in order to be one of the highest forms of communication between people, irrespective of their social organisation. It was developed in order to ensure a peaceful future for man-kind, notwithstanding all political differences that are inevitable in an era of historic change. Participation in the Olympics, on a national or individual basis, is a contribution to peace, and each boycott is a new

threat to peace. The sovereignty of the sports movement is protected by the International Olympic Committee against any threats caused by political or any other considerations. The threat to boycott the Olympics is aimed at undermining that sovereign basis, The political aim of that action is to divide that unique fraternity of sportsmen and subvert all other forms of their international cooperation.

It is a new example of Washington's disregard for the international community. It seems that every new step taken by the US Administration is expressly designed to demonstrate Washington's inability to take any constructive decision leading to peace and disarmament and ensuring human rights, including the right of nations to safeguard their revolutionary acquisitions.

The United States has so far succeeded only in violating agreements, war-mongering and torpedo-ing the foundations of international dialogue and cooperation laid in the past few years. Yours sincerely. SPARTAK BEGLOV.

c/o Novosti Press Agency, Pushkin Square, Soviet Union.

Links with Chile

From Dame Peggy Ashcroft and

Sir, We welcome your leader of January 18 which puts the decision of Her Majesty's Government on the resumption of diplomatic relations with Chile in its true pros-pective. Your leader refers to the unsatisfactory response of Pinochet's Government to the protests Dr Cassidy, which they still refuse

to admit.

She is, fortunately, out of that country. But the British national William Beausire, abducted by the DINA (the Chilean secret police) Buenos Aires on a flight to Paris in 1974, is still missing; it is known that he was held and tortured by the DINA in Santiago.

the DINA in Santiago.

His mother's appeals through the then British Government failed to elicit any news of his continuing existence since 1975. There are five other cases of connections of British families in the same situation.

Has the present British Covern-

Has the present British Government any answer to those facts?
Or has it reason not to believe the latest UN report that human rights conditions in general in Chile have deteriorated during the last year? Yours faithfully,

PEGGY ASHCROFT. MARGARET DRABBLE, CARDINER. GREVILLE JANNER, HAROLD PINTER,

Chile Commissee for Human Rights, 1 Cambridge Terrace, NW1.

Increasing state pensions From Mr Jack Jones, CH

Sir, Inflation is rising at a very rapid rare indeed, and with the projected increases of 29 per cent on gas, and 22 per cent on electricity, and similar rises for coal and oil, it is clear that the elderly are really going to suffer.

The increases applied to national pensions last November have been

pensions last November have been substantially eroded, and it would mean severe bardship for sioners if they have to wait until next November for a further increase in their pension.

From Mr Geoffrey Nice In periods of rapid inflation, it is Sir. Until recently I could telesurely not unreasonable to argue phone my wife from any part of the that pension adjustments should be country and inform her that I was well, all for the price of 2p. The increased time purchased by the newly increased minimum public made at six-monthly intervals. It might be argued that such a system is administratively inconvenient. However, in Canada a quarterly telephone call charge of 5p means cost of living adjustment is made that now I have not only to inform to the basic pension without causing chaos. Where there is a will there her of my condition but to inquire

as to hers.

January 19.

I hope that the Government and Members of Parliament of all The social consequences of this inflationary increase are to be parties will examine sympathetically deplored. Yours faithfully, this most urgent issue. GEOFFREY NICE, Manor Farm, President, T&GWU Retired Members Adisham, Near Canterbury, Kent.

Civil Defence: a lethal failure of duty?

From Mr Tony Kerpel

Sir, In view of the interest in civil defence shown recently by The Times and its readers, it would be appropriate to look not simply at new shelter provision but at the way existing-shelter policy is being pursued.

There is, in the vicinity of my ward, a large deep-tunnel shelter which was extensively used during the last war. For the past four years this shelter has been used by a document storage company on lease from the Property Services Agency.

The company has demolished the

rotected concrete entrance to the shelter, and replaced it with a brick foyer incorporating glass win-dows and a wooden door. This effectively cancels out from use as a shelter the rest of this large struc-

There are pertinent questions to asked which follow from such development. Has the Home Office reviewed and abandoned as being of no practical use to civilians existing shelters? Has the Home Office considered modifications to existing shelters which would meet current requirements?

Does the Home Office issue guide-lines to local planning authorities advising them how to preserve shel-ters in a useable state, or can local authorities merrily put shelters out commission?

According to a Times report by Stewart Tendler on May 6, 1974, the Home Office estimated that, if nothing were done to minimize the aftermath effects of a nuclear attack, then casualties would be 80 per cent nationwide. A national shelter policy would take this down to 20 per cent.

Since that report, an Act of Parliament has transferred responsi-bility for deep shelters from the Home Office to the Property Services Agency. To my knowledge these two bodies have no joint responsibility for civil defence, and the Property Services Agency is looking to commercial use of such shelters. The fact seems to be that, far from maintaining a minimum civil defence provision, we are actually disengaging from such activity.

The only provision for hardshelter covers those civil servants and politicians who would be expected to administer a devastated homeland. The fact that nothing is being done to cater for the wel-fare of the civilian population on the basis that "we can't do enough so we will do nothing" smacks of criminal neglect.

As ever it is to be the pin-striped moles who survive in their burrows. In peacetime they are inflation-proof, in wartime fallout-proof, while the rest of us can irradiate indignation Yours faithfully,

TONY KERPEL. Members' Room, The Town Hall, London Borough of Camden, Euston Road, NW1.

From Colonel The Lord Clifford of Chudleigh Sir, Not before time: but congratulations to Peter Evans for his

articles on Civil Defence and for your leader on the subject (January 19).

As chairman of the Devon Emergency Volunteers, the organization quoted in his last article, may I beg you, Sir, to keep up the good work in warning the great British public that there is little time to spare now that the USSR has superiority in nuclear as well as conventional weapons and that this country, as the staging platform for Nato reinforcements, could well be the first to suffer a nuclear attack. And we are least prepared.

I have a "no day named" motion down to call attention to the lack of Rome and Civil Defence and am especially grateful to The Times for your articles and leader on the subject. I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

CLIFFORD, House of Lords. January 21.

From Mr Robert Banks, MP for Harrogate (Conservative) Sir, Peter Evans' four-part series your leader (January 19) on Civil Defence does your paper great credit for dealing with a subject which has lain on the shelf for too

many years. The syndrome that war is too awful to think about has been joined by the erroneous belief that nuclear war means the end of everything and everyone. Only a new policy towards Civil

Defence now can successfully save millions of lives and initial extra expenditure could be contained within the £11.6 million savings on disbanded quangos, and achieve

significant results.
The danger of withholding advice to the general public until a nuclear attack is imminent (72 hours) raises the vital question of how you make a calculation which guarantees even that amount of time. The decision to activate plans to inform the public could alone precipitate an earlier attack and it would certainly create appailing chaos as people struggled to get in food, and other supplies, let alone the fact that home-made shelters under the kitchen table at home would be woefully inadequate.

People may be warned and governed, but surely we must pre-

pare for their survival first. Yours fairbfully, ROBERT BANKS, House of Commons. January 21.

From Mr B. I. Greenwood Sir, I must thank you for your fascinating series of articles on Civil Defence. It is indeed a great comfort to learn that, when the holocaust arrives, our government will be safely housed in a threestorey bunker deep under a wooded

bill in the country.

What a shame that they will no longer have a population to goveru! Yours faithfully. B. J. GREENWOOD, 32 Greystones Road,

Private access to public records

From Mr Hugh Peskett Sir, As this office conducts one of the larger professional research organizations, with a worldwide

scope, I hope that I can offer a broad perspective to the present correspondence. It may not be entirely clear to your readers, but in essence the Public Record Office has two func-

tions, (a) to receive government archives into its custody, and (b) to make them available appropriately to both government offices and the public (lawyers, professional and available approximation). sional and amateur historians, etc). As arranged at present, in essence the archives are in two principal buildings, (a) a new building at Kew where modern departmental records are held (and continue to accumulate) and (b) the older building in Chancery Lane where are held medieval, state paper, and legal records. It is a fairly clear-cut division, and very workable for

all concerned. It enables the less fragile modern records to be handled by a computerized system with conveyor belts and the like at Kew, in what can hardly be challenged as the finest repository for modern archives in the world. It is for example far superior to the National Archives in Washington, where the

scope (nothing earlier than 1776), is comparable. The proposal which has caused so much outcry is that the records held at Chancery Lane should be kept there still, but made available to researchers only by being taken out to Kew by van at a day or two's notice. The objections are twofold: (a) inconvenience to researchers and (b) hazard to the documents.

The first thing which must be said about inconvenience to re-

searchers is that only two correspondents have written in favour of the proposals (January 17 and 18) and both are quite irrelevant as their declared interests lie in modern records already at Kew. Your other correspondents represent a substantial cross-section of those who are concerned academically, and they are opposed, without

One should also speak for the less imposing but far more numerous general public whose amateur interest in local and family history

(ie the history of the common man) is far more served by the records which are in Chancery Lane than

Bearsted.

those at Kew. Setting aside the remoter risks of hijacking Magna Carta and crashing jumbo-jets, your academic corres-pondents have been quite clear on the serious hazards to fragile medieval documents of making them available for research only by sub-jecting them to a damaging 20 mile round trip in the jolts of London

traffic.
Since the archives in Chancery Since the archives in Chancery Lane are the finest medieval records in the world (excepting perhaps those in the Vacican), and when an archivist's first duty is to his documents, this proposal can be hardly other than disgraceful.

The decision has been arrived

at by making no cuts at all in 56 per cent of the running costs of the Public Record Office, and imposing the entire 10 per cent cut in expenditure upon the remaining 44 per cent of the functions, principally the Search Department The proposals would carry more con-viction if the other 56 per cent was

not to be left intact. One hears rumours of over-staff-ing in the establishment and secretariat. Is it really necessary for Public Record Office staff to travel to advise places such as county record offices and the National Library of Wales? And, if it is necessary, could the benefiting repositories not pay for this from their own local funds?

Should not other government departments contribute to the cost of services provided to them by the Public Record Office? And could Mr Mabbs convince us, please, that it will be an economy to move docu-ments on 20-mile round trips, rather than produce them in the building

where they are?
Finally, if we are to have "Freedom of Information", experience in Washington is that we will need more, not less, expenditure on government archives. Yours faithfully, H. PESKETT,

Genealogist, Debrett's Peerage Ltd. 78 Parchment Street, Winchester, Hampshire. January 22,

After Milton Into extra time From Professor Edward Mendelson

Sir, The learned judge in the trial on the Auden papers (December 21) was alluding not to Wordsworth but to Wigglesworth, a poet of colonial Massachusetts whose name the court stenographer forgivably failed to recognize. The observation that Wigglesworth would be remembered after Milton is forgotten, but only after Milton is forgotten, makes rather more sense in the judge's version. If memory serves there is stother version in Haght, who attributes is to Dishard Baston. attributes it to Richard Porson, Yours faithfully,

EDWARD MENDELSON. Department of English and Compar-stive Liverature, Columbia Univer-sity in the City of New York, New York, NY 10027.

The integrity of Guy Liddell

From Mr Malcolm Frost Sir, It is probably not generally known that the allocation of money by government to the pre-war Intelligence departments was by present standards grossly inadequate. These departments were served by a small band of devoted and patriotic men and women for little financial reward.

It was largely due to the efforts of the Earl of Swinton, who pro-bably saved the Battle of Britain by his single minded support for the development of radar, when a pre-war Secretary of State for Air, that the Security Service was rapidly expanded in 1940 to cope with the fifth column scare follow-ing the successful invasions of Holland, Belgium, Norway and France. It was only right that at this time the efforts of the Security Service should be concentrated on the activities of Germany and possible Fascist collaborators in this country. We need to remember the large number of suspects-many of them in important positions—who at the instigation of the Security Service were detained under Regulation

It was during this period of alarm that Lord Swinton requested my secondment to the Security Service from the BBC, where I had served as Director of Overseas Intelligence, and until I returned to the BBC in 1944 to plan the coverage of the Second Front I worked directly under Guy Liddell. Unfortunately, the eminent solicitor of international renute also recruited by Lord Swinton is now dead, but I have no doubt that he would endorse the strong stand of one of his own recruits, Mr Skardon, in Guy Liddell's defence.

Whatever reserves I might have

developed about the limitations of the Security Service. I was never given the slightest cause to doubt the patriotism of its pre-war officers. I feel bound by the undertaking which all war time temporaries gave to respect the confidentiality of our work and I have nothing but contempt for those who have broken their undertaking and promoted asnersions against honourable men. I do not wish to sav anything about those whose disloyalty has been proved, except to say that penetration of the personnel and communications of the other side forms an essential ingredient of all espionage and counter espionage work. The risk of penetration is obviously greater at a time of ranid expansion. It was incuitable for this reason alone that the small pre-war staff reacted with a degree of suspicion against wartime expan-

sion. Yours faithfully. MALCOLM FROST, 23 Friday Street, Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire.

From Mr Kenneth Morton Evans Sir, I was delighted to read the authoritative article on Guy Liddell in today's The Times (January 21). For three years I had the privilege of working in close association with him in the Atomic Energy Authority and became devoted to him. He had knowledge, wisdom and warmth in abundance.

In about 1953 we were in Washington to discuss atom matters. At an informal meeting, Guy received a message, quietly left the room, and returned considerably later. Our hosts were astonished to learn that he had spent an hour with J. Edgar Hoover. Such a long private talk with the Head of the FBI was almost without

precedent.
That occasion disposes, I think, of the allegations which have been made that he was distrusted by the Americans. Mr Tendler's article (January 21) has done justice to an honourable,

gifted and loyal man. Yours faithfully, KENNETH MORTON EVANS,

Pond End House, Blackmoor, Liss, Hampshire.

Our Father From the Reverend R. Leonard

Hollands Sir, I was actounded to read in The Times today (January 18) that a group referred to as Christian feminists has as the climax of its ambition the expurgation from liturgical texts of any indication as to the sex of the God-head.

This attitude seems to betray an extraordinary lack of insight into theology, psychology, Christian teaching, and etymological nuance. Furthermore, it demeans the nobility and grace of womanhood simply by making its adherents look rather silly through their but thinly valid inferious complex complex. veiled inferiority complex.

Contemporary theology, in offer-ing us definitions of the Divinity such as "ground of our being" certainly removes the question of gender but yet Jesus, himself a man, taught us to think of God as a father. This is not pure chance. We, regardless of our sex, need a father figure, as Freud has long since indicated, and we need a mother figure. The Church provides both. Let us keep both and be ashamed of neither.

Let us also refrain from yet

another erosion of our language. We have, in the last decade, lost the freedom to use the word "gay" without great care. Are we now to lose "man" and "mankind"? Have these ladies forgotten that species' appellations often double for gender (and not always male gender)? Compare man-woman and man, duck-duck and drake, etc, with pig-sow and boar. Please let us leave it like that.

One wonders at the possible ramifications of so called Christian feminists using languages whose entire syntactical procedures are inextricably bound up with gender!

Yours faithfully, RAY LEONARD HOLLANDS, 2 Woodlawn Drive, Hanworth,

From Mr Bernard Roberts

Sir, Futher Church? Yours faithfully, BERNARD ROBERTS, 17 Aylesbury Road, Wendover,



COURT **CIRCULAR**

SANDRINGHAM January 23: The Queen, Honor-ary Air Commodore, Royal Air ary Air Commodore. Royal Air Force Marham, this evening honoured the Station Commander (Group Captain M. A. Sutherland) with her presence at dinner in the Officers Mess.

Mrs John Durdalc, the Right Hen Sic Philip Moore and Lieutenant-Commander Robert Guy, RN, were in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE January 23: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Chancellor of the University of London, this afternoon presided at a ceremony for the Presentation of Degrees at the Royal Albert Hall.

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The Lady Grimthorpe, Sir Martin Gilliat and Mr Henry Beaumont were in attendance.
THATCHED HOUSE LODGE THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
January 23: Princess Alexandra,
Vice-Patron of the Young
Women's Christian Association,
this afternoon opened Nene
House, the new residential wing
of the YWCA in Northampton.
The Hon Lady Rowley was in
standance.

Birthdays today

Lerd Durkan-Sandys. 72: Sir George Haynes, 78: Admiral Sir Andrew Lewis, 62: Earl Sperker, 55. Air Commodore Sir Archie Winskall. 63.

Requiem Mass

Archbishop of West Indies

Archbishop of West Indies
The Archbishop of Canterbury was
represented by Prebendary D. W.
Cleverley-Ford at a requiem Mass
for the Most Rev Alan John
Knight celebrated at the Church
of St Mary Magdalenc, Munster
Square, NWI, yesterday, Bishop
Eernard Markham, who also gave
an address, was the principal
celebrant and was assisted by
Prebendary Martin Heal, the Rev Prebendary Martin Heal, the Rev John Fowler, who read the epistic, the Rev Jack Holden, who took the Rev Jack Holden, who took the intercessions, the Rev Kenneth Jordan, the Rev Kenneth Livesey, the Rev James Pink, the Rev Patrick Rosheuval and the Rev Lesley Todd. The Rev John Lashbrook read the gospel and the Bishop of Swansea and Brecon gave the commendation.

The Rev R. A. W. Coogan representing the Bishop of London). Bishop John Howe (secretary general, Anglican Consultative Council), Bishop E. L. Etans, Canon S. Goodrich, the Rev D. Chaplin (secretary, Partners in Mission). the Rev C. Carver, the Rev I. Orme and the Carver, the Rcv J. Orme and the Rev J. M. Porteus were robed and in the sanctuary. Among others

in the sanctuary. Among others present were:
The High Commissioner for the Bahamas and Wrs Roberts, the High Commissioner for Dominica and Virs Shiftingford, the Deputy High Commissioner for Guyana, the Deputy High Commissioner for High Commission for Sathadas High Commission High Commission for Sathadas High Commission High Commission for the Eastern Caribbana. Lord Grev of Naunion, the Rev D. C. King trepresenting the Bishop of St Albanas, Bishop L. J. Wilson, Bishop Edmund Capper, Strank McDavid Order of Si Michael and St Goorge.

Frank McDaudd Order of SI Michael and SI Goorge.

Sir Edwin Arrowsmith representing the Secriary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Atlatrs. Wr M. Chandler, Mr L Lvio, the Rev W. Lloyd and Mr P. Sinders (Gugana Diocessa Association), Mr E. Miller Hager, Trivilliam College, Camburgham S. Entireld, Mr R. Miller Hager, The College of St. John of Jerusalem, Mr W. J. Hamilton-Hinris (Gwert Schon); the Rev M. J. Hards (USPG), the Rev R. Hudirson i deputy secretary, Evand for Mission and Unity of the General Strood), Mr G. R. Lunn Street, Mr G. R.

Mr G. Woodrock The Prime Minister was repre-sented by Mr Barney Hayhoe, MP, and the Speaker by Mr Richard and me Speaker by Mr Richard Crawshaw, MP, Chairman of Ways and Means, at a memorial requiem Mass for Mr George Woodcock telebrated by the Cardinal Arch-bishop of Westminster in West-minster Cathedral yesterday. Mr John Cole, Mr Frank Cousins and and tole, Mr Frank Cousins and Mr Len Murray, who gave an address, took part in the service. Sir Harold Wilson, MP, attended and Mr James Callaghan, Mr, was represented by Mr James Hamilton, MP, Among others present were:

were:
Dodoock rwidow. Mr Peter
Fison: Mr William Woodbrother: Mr and Mrs W.
Helen Dobson. Air and Mrs
Kornan (brother-in-law and M. Helen Dooson. M. Sana M. McKerman (brother-in-law) and in-law). We feet the most of the In an article about Professor Hans Kung on December 24 our Religious Affairs Correspondent wrongly attributed to him an introduction to a treatise by Father August Hasler, published in 1977. In fact, Professor Kung's preface was in Father Hasler's later work. Der neue Stand der Unfehlbarkeitsdebatte, published in 1979.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D. F. Bennett and Miss L. D. Burton The engagement is announced between David. eldest son of Mr between David, eldest son of Mr Francis Bennett, CBE, and the Hon Mrs Francis Bennett, of Hampstead, London, and Lynn, daughter of Licutemant-Colonel Allan Burton, DSO, ED, and the late Mrs Audrey Burton, of Limestone Hall, Milton, Ontario, Canada. Mr C. M. Geile

and Miss D. M. Birch

Mr C. S. R. Steel

and Miss S. L. A. Whittaker

Mr C. J. Russell and Miss S. M. Corteen

Mr S. D. White and Miss E. M. H. Bolton

Mr O. C. F. Wingate and Miss C. S. Bartlett

Marriage

Mr P. F. E. Danon and Miss H. B. Stanley
The engagement is announced between Paul, only sou of Mr and Mrs M. J. Danon, of Northwood, Middlesex, and Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs F. Stanley, of Sherwood, Nottingham.

Dr J. W. Fawcett
and Dr K. Khaw
The marriage will take place on
Friday. January 25. of James
William, son of Mr and Mrs
Edward Fawcett, of Priory
Avenue, London, W4, and Kay
Tec, daughter of Puan Sri Khaw
Kai Bob. of Prebend Gardens,
London, W6.

Mr T. C. Johnson-Ferguson and Miss M. Finlay
The engagement is annonuced between Torquil, son of Major and Mrs Brian Johnson-Ferguson, of Solwaybank, Canombie, Dumfriessbire, and Margaret, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs L. Finlay, of Ashgrove House, Hepscott, Morpeth, Northumberland.

Mr D. R. Pearce and Miss C. M. Hule

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The engagement is announced
between Dermot, youngest son of
Mr and Mrs T. G. N. Pearce, of
Ramsey. Isle of Man, formerly of
Bath and Montacute, and Christine, middle daughter of Mr and
Mrs C. J. Hule, of Hanham,

Mr J. F. Rosenheim and Miss M. A. Blake The engagement is announced between John, only son of Mr and Mrs H. H. Rosenheim, of East Didsbury, Manchester, and Monica, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. E. Blake, of Chigwell, Essex.

Lieutenant T. N. E. Williams, RN and Miss S. B. Foucard
The engagement is announced between Timothy, younger son of Commander and Mrs R. G. D. Williams, of Shambles, Ringstead Bay. Dorchester, Dorset, and Sandra, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. G. Foucard, of Toad Hall, St. George's Hill, Weybridge, Surrey.

Luncheons

HM Government Mr Nicholas Ridley, Minister of State at the Foreign and Common-wealth Office. was host yester-day at a luncheon held at 1 Carlton Gardens in bonour of the State Governor of Sao Paulo, Senhor Paulo Maulf.

British Council Dr P. A. I. Tahourdin, Deputy Director-General of the British Council, was host at a luncheon held vesterday at 10 Spring Gar-dens in honour of Shaikh dens in honour of Shaikh Mohammed bin Hamad Al-Tham, Minister of Education, Qatar.

Dinners

Pattenmakers' Company The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the annual livery dinner of the Pattenmakers' Company held at the Mansion House last night. The Master, Lieutenant-Colonel W. L. Miron, presided, assisted by the Upper Warden, Colonel Sir Anthony Wharton, and the Renter Warden, Mr E. Astaire, The Upper Warden. Mr Edward Rayne, and Lord Elwyn-Jones were the speakers. Among others present

were:
The Bishop of Southwell and Mrs Kakeling. Lady Elera-Jones. Mr Eric Variety. MP. Lord Justice and Lady London Scottist Templeman. Mr Justice and Lady Hutton.
The Sir Leonard and Lady Hutton.
The London Scottist The Londo

Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders The Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders held a dinner at the Law Society's hall yesterday for the livery and their guests. The principal guest

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by James and William Duckworth-Chad and Victoria and Alice Salter. Major Richard Greenly was best man and a guard of honour was found by warrant officers of the Coldstream Guards. A reception was field at the Berkeley hotel and the honeymoon will be spent abroad. and speaker was Sir Richard Dob-son and the other speakers were Dr Isidore Redstone and Mr H. N. Master.

Scientific Instrument Makers' Сотрапу Mr J. R. McNally, Master of the Scientific Instrument Makers' Company, presided at a livery dinner beld yesterday at Scientific Instrument Makers' Hall. The principal guest and speaker was Viscount Trenchard, Minister of State for Industry.

Woolmen's Company
The Alms Court meeting of the
Woolmen's Company was held last
night at Tallow Chandler's Hall
and afterwards the Master, Mr
C. N. Packett, the Wardens and
Court of Assistants entertained court of Assistants entertained liverymen and their guests at diner. The Rev Neville Barker Cryer, chaplain to the company, Mr Bruce Dehn, Clerk to the Distillers' and Tin Plate Workers' Companies, Lord Macleau, and the Master were the speakers.

Supper

Industry.

Georgian Group The Georgian Group held a soirée for members at the Royal Academy yesterday. Sir Hugh Casson, PRA, gave a talk.

Service dinner

The London Scottish officers held a regimental guest night at regi-mental headquarters yesterday. Colonel A. F. Niekirk was in the chair and Major P. J. Layden received the guests, Anong those present were:
Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Hon George Younger, MP, General Str Patrick Howard-Dobson, Major-General W. Bate and Brigadiers D. W. Anderson and A. Woolford.



An unusual nineteenth century metalwork Komai figure of Musashi-bo Benkei and the Bell of Mildera, to be sold by Christie's in Tokyo next month.

Captain C. K. Macfarlane and Miss D. M. Wake-Walker The marriage took place yesterday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, between Captain Charles Keble Macfarlane, Coldstream Guards, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter Macfarlane, of The Old Store Rushlake Green Heath-Christie's launch determined offensive on 'closed' Japanese art market Mrs Peter Mactarlane, of The Old Store, Rushlake Green, Heathfield, East Sussex, and Miss Diana Mary Wake-Walker, daughter of Captain Christopher and Lady Ame Wake-Walker, of East Bergholt Lodge, Suffolk. The Bishop of Dover, the Rev Kenneth Mathews and the Rev John Westmuckett took part in the service.

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent Christie's, the London-based fine art auctioneers, are making a determined effort to break into the Japanese art market. Traditionally a very closed affair, run by dealers, with the public left in as much ignorance as possible, the Japanese have no public auctions as we know them. On February 15 to 17 Christie's will be holding an important art auction, British style, at the Hotel Okura, in Tokyo.
Since it is illegal for auctions to Since it is illegal for auctions to be freely open to the public in Japan, attendance at the sales will be by invitation only. Christie's are sending out about 1,000 invitations to dealers and collectors in Japan and elsewhere. On this occasion most of the goods for sale are being brought to Japan, having been consigned to Christie's in London, New York and elsewhere. It would not be economic to do that on a coneconomic to do that on a con-tinuing basis, as both Christie's and Sotheby's learned when they

attempted a Tokyo auction 10 and attract collectors from all years ago.

Over the Far East, including Christie's aim is to set up years ago.

Christie's aim on this occasion is to try to stimulate interest in Japan in the idea of an auction market, in the hope that goods would in future flow in to their office for sale from Japanese sources

Christie's Japanese expert, Sir John Figgiss, who has organized the sales and will be conducting the main auctions in Japanese, comments: "There are 112 million people in Japan, most of whom look on themologies of whom look on themselves as middle-class and are quite affluent enough to collect art.

"They need an open, straightforward auction market place such as Christie's can offer." He says the Japanese are very fastion conscious; if Christie's could just become the fashion, they would be away.

be away.

Sotheby's, the main rivals, have a well established and very successful auction outlet in Hongkong. They hold sales, mainly of Chinese art, three times a year

a rival show using Tokyo as their

The three-day suction will cover all the collecting fields in which Japanese buyers have shown a significant interest in London and significant interest in London and New York sales. The first two sessions are devoted to pictures, Impressionist and modern works, but also a session of nineteenth-century "academics", Victorian scantily clad damsels and so on. There will be an important Chagali on offer, valued in six figures. There will be Japanese ceramics and works of art, contemporary pottery by Bernard Leach, antiquities from the Mediterranean and Chinese works of art. There is a brilliant nineteenth-century Japanese metalwork figure of an armoured warrior with the "Bell of Midera", which could reach £7,000 and a Northern Sung, black glazed jar from China, which might make £100,000.

Market in good silver coins strengthens from 1906 to 1914. which made £460 (estimate £350 to £380); and two 1904 American \$20 pieces sold for £720 (estimate £400.£450). The premium over November was

lower where the item had more historic than bullion value: a 1792 golden guinea made £200 (estimate £150 to £180).

Sotheby's first coin sale since

Sotheby's first coin sale since Christmas yesterday was largely devoted to European and American gold and silver coins of the past few centuries.

The impact of the gold rush appears to be more subdued than in silver plate, for instance. Coins were generally selling above the estimates set last November, but only modern or poor examples, whose value would in any circumstances be close to their bullion value, were selling substantially above November levels.

Examples of such modern coins were a group of seven British gold sovereigns, ranging in date

Today's engagements

Exhibitions: Journeys to China, Thomas Cook, 45 Berkeley Street, Westminster, 9 to 5.30;

The Art of Hollywood, Victoria and Albert Museum, 10 to 5.50,

last day ; ılks: " Pitfalis in Translation ",

The market in good quality silver coins was particularly strong, quite apart from the precious metal boom. There were some surprising prices, such as an Oliver Cromwell shilling of 1658 at £680 (estimate £400 to £450); that had little to do with the metal's boom. The coin was not very rare but in exceptional condition. a partnership". by Alexander Bland, Music Club of London, Holborn Library. 32 Theobalds Road, 7.30; "Social history adult education and the Labour

ter, 7.30:

adult education and the Labour Party", by Lord McGregor of Durris, Science Lecture Theatre, Goldsmiths' College, Lewisham Way, New Cross, 7; "Media coverage in southern Africathe alternatives", Africa Ceptre, 38 King Street, 7.30; "The Occupation of the Channel Islands", by D. McKenzie, Chester and District Philatelic

weighing 4.89 carats set in a ring. Stamps in demand: Prices continued high at Robson Lowe's sale of British Commonwealth stamps in Pall Mall on Tuesday and yesterday, with realizations totalling 585,837 (our Philatelic Correspondent writes). Society, United Reformed Church Hall, Hoole Road, Ches-

change in values since late last year. The sale totalled £243,260, with less than 1 per cent unsold. Seymour paid the top price of £23,000 (eximate £10,000 to £12,000) for an extension the control of £12,000 (eximate £10,000 to £12,000) for an extension of £12,000 (eximate £10,000 to £12,000) for an extension of £12,000 (eximate £10,000 to £12,000) for an extension of £12,000 (eximate £10,000 to £12,000) for an extension of £12,000 (eximate £10,000 to £12,000)

fi2.000) for an exceptional diamond, a brilliant cut, single stone weighing 4.89 carats set in a ring.

An Evening with Margot Fonteyn, St Paul's Church, Covent Garden. 8.

Lunchtime music: Tadeusz Kas-satti, piano, St Olave, 1.05; "Quorum", programme of chamber music, St Bartholomewthe-Great, 1.10; organ recital by John Winter, St Mary-at-Hill, City, 1.15.



Courage of Archbishop

of Canterbury praised

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent
The courage of Dr Donald Coggan
as Archbishop of Camerbury is
praised in the preface to the new
edition of Crockford's Clerical
Directory, published today, and
credit is given to him for the
success of the Lambeth Conference
in 1978.

In 1978.

The anonymous author of the preface, licensed by the publisher, Oxford University Press. to express his riews on current Anglican affairs, however, also complains of Dr Coggan's naivety.

"If some people thought the archbishop a hypocrite, we are sure that they were grossly

Hilary. Countess of Munster, of Bletchingley, Surrey. widow of the fifth Earl, left £745,718 net. After bequests she left the remainder of her property, including three Steinway planos and other effects, to the Countess of Munster's Musical Trust, a charitable foundation.

Other estates include (net be-fore tax paid; tax not disclosed): Deakin, Dr Kenneth Vincent, of Atherton, Greater Manchester £471-968

Detheridge, Lucy May, of Kidderminster ... £133,554

Emmett, Mr Albert Alfred of
Sutton ... £463,413
Gairdner, Mr Charles Dalrymple,
of Twyford, accountant £138,413
Iohnson, Mr Francis William, of
Blakeney, Gloucestershire £174,647
Parsons, Mrs Marian, of Leicester
£274,102

Page Afric Mary Walah

Mrs Mary Wahab, of £157,109

Latest Wills

Residue left for musical trust

Stephenson's Rocket: The Post Office yesterday released details of the five 12p stamps which will be issued on March 12 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the opening in 1830 of the Liverpool and Manchester Railway, the first service to carry passengers and mails (Our Philatelic Correspondent writes).

Mr David Gentleman, designer of many British stamps, has created a design through five

Funeral

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Tuneral
The funeral of Sir Cecil Beaton took place yesterday at All Saints, Broadchalke, Wiltshire. The Rev Peter Lewis officiated. Among those present were:
Str Hugh and Lady Smiley throther-intaw and salert, Maler and Mrs John Smiley. Str William and Lady Gladstone. Mrs Zandra Lamb: the Marchianess of Salisbury. the Earl and Countress of Salisbury. the Earl and Countress of Pembroke. Mary Countress of Avon, Viscount and Viscountess thead. Lady Diana Cooper. Lord and Lady David Cecil. Lord Weldowfeld and Lady Anne Tree.

adjoining stamps. It recreates a train pulled by Stephenson's famous Rocket and has first, second and open third class carriages, a goods truck carrying sheep in two tiers, a horse box truck, with horse, a horse-drawn carriage with passengers, to which the horse would be harnessed at the end of the journey, a loaded goods truck and a Post Office mail coach with guard, fitted with wheels for rail travel.

"rides out as a man with his mind made up, as a latter-day Don Quixote, and there has not been the same sense that there was in his predecessor's time of the Primate as the more edifying type of Camerbury pilgrim".

The preface, in a comment on Pope John Paul II, says that a more modest vision of the papacy appears to be his priority, and he "may well have already pondered"

"may well have already pondered the teachings of Professors Karl Rainer and Hans Küng" in that respect. Professor Küng was re-cently deprived of his title as a "Catholic theologian" by the

From The Times of Monday, Jan 24, 1955

The British Transport Commission's plan for the reequipment of British Railways is expected to show that the commission propose spending of £1,200m in 15 years on complete modernization

years on complete modernization of the railway system. Prepared by a planning committee set up by the commission last May, it is based on the premise that if the railways are to be run economically they must be brought thoroughly up to date. To this end the plan is expected to envisage the replacement of steam locomotives by diesel and electric traction. The building of all new steam locomotives would be ended in a few years. The new forms of motive power would be used to achieve main line speeds of 100 mph and over which would call for strengthening and wideoing of tracks. It is understood that the plan also allows for possible devel-

plan also allows for possible devel-opments with atomic-powered loco-

Last days of steam

25 years ago

The railway vehicles, set against background views associated with the journey from Liverpool to Manchester, do not represent an actual train but indicate the facilities available in 1830. The stamps, of course, will be usable singly for the forthcoming 12p first-class letter rate, but collectors will tend to keep them in the joined strip of five to preserve the complete train.

By Harry Golombek
Chess Correspondent
Russia leads the European Team
Chess Championship finals at
Skara, in Sweden, after four
rounds, with 19 points and one
adjourned game. That lead, howadjourned game. That lead, however, is purely nominal, as Yugo-slavia has 15 points and three adjourned games, from which it should get two and a half points. Israel, having drawn with England 4-4 in round four, is in tisted place with 16 points and one adjourned game, followed by Hungary, 15 and one adjourned England 15. Czechoslovakia 144 and one adjourned, Bulgaria 131 and one adjourned, and Sweden 12 and rwo adjourned.

and two adjourned.

England should retain its fifth place when the Czechs finish their place when the Czechs finish their adjourned game, as that looks likely to end in a win for Hungary. The top four English boards have defeated Russia 3-1, Bulgaria 3-1, and Israel 3-1, drawing with the Czechs 2-2, Michael Stean, on hoard two has screed these

on board two, has scored three out of four and Jonathan Speelman, on board four, two and a half out of three.

The lower boards have been disappointing; the usually reliable Hartston has scored only half a point in four games on boards five and six. five and six.

The English match against Israel in round four followed a course that has become normal for them

that has become normal for them at Skara, the top four boards winning by three to one and the bottom losing by one to three.

Individual results of that match: Miles', Liberaon ',: Speciman I, Kagan O, Kocen ',: Kraitman ',: Speciman ',: Aprelman ',: Meridian ',: Markel ',: Meridian ',: Markel ',: Mastel duly won his adictioned game from round three spatial technically making the score Crechoslovakia ',: England 4',: Other match rosults from round four: Hunsey, di, Concologorie V. em: England 41.
Other match rosults from round four:
Rungery 51. Conchoslovatia 51., and 1
adt: Russia 5 Bulgaria 3, and 1 adt:
Sweden 22. Yugoslavia 52, and 2 adi.

Russia goes into nominal lead in chess contest

the cutton while the disease is diffi-cult to diagnose and treat. It is also difficult to course these flies by means of insecticides, which are expensive and in some cases can contaminate the environment. Among domestic enimals, sleep-ing sickness is a serious obstacle to the development of a balanced ing sickriess is a serious obstacle sensors.

to the development of a balanced agricultural industry. Approximation agricultural industry.

Professor E. H. S. Burhop, still very active and is currently FRS, who was Professor of studying the nature of the nature studying the nature of the new particles which are the carriers of the "charm" and "beauty" Physics at University College, London, from 1960 to 1978,

PROFESSOR E. H. S. BURHOP

Work on elementary particles

OBITUARY

led by Sir Harrie Massey.

died on January 22. He was 68. Eric Henry Stoneley Burhop quantum numbers. For many years Burken played a leading role in the work of the Bubble Chamber group at UCL in which he made was born on January 31, 1911, at Hobert, Tasmania, of parents who were Salvation Army officers in poor financial circumstances. He entered Melbourne University in 1928. important contributions to investigations on K meson and Melbourne University in 1928, neutrino physics. He spent the as an engineering student but year 1962-63 at CERN, where he to graduate in shoring large was responsible for serting. changed course in mid-stream was responsible for setting up a to graduate in physics, largely group of European physicists as a result of encouragement to study the future policy for accelerators in Europe. The existence of both the ISR and received from T. H. Laby. He

spent two years in the Caven-dish Laboratory at Cambridge, working under Rutherford to whom he was indebted for the SPS accelerators is a direct consequence of the report of that group.

Eric Burhop would wish to be instilling him with an enduring interest in atomic and elemenremembered for the fact that he aconired from his parents an tary particle physics.
Upon his return to Melbourne overwhelming characteristic which amounted almost to a religious fervour, but which he in 1935, he initiated research on neutron physics in Australia channelled into other directions.
To wit, his life was largely guided by his social conscience, both as a man and as a scienand constructed the first particle accelerator there. After holding various academic posts in Australia, he joined the British Supply Mission in North tist. He was strongly imbued with the concept of the importance of achieving a rapprochament between East and West. America, where he worked on isotope separation in the group After the war, he took up permanent residence in Eng-

ment between East and West.
Thus, he was actively involved in the work of the World Federation of Scientific Workers, of which he was President for many years.

Together with C. F. Powell, J. Rotblat and Bertrand Russell, Burhop was a founder member of the Pugwash Committee, funded by Cyrus Eaton. The work of this Committee contributed much towards providing the basis concerning scientific matters for achieving an Eastcollege. After five years in the Mathematics Department he moved with Sir Harrie Massey to the then Physics (now Physics and Astronomy)
Department, where he worked
until his retirement in 1978.
He maintained a close and active interest in the department until the untimely illness which became manifest last matters for achieving an East-West detente.

Burhoo was elected Fellow of Burbop maintained a wide range of interests in physics the Royal Society in 1963. He was awarded Honorary Docand made important contributorates by the Open University and the University of Warsaw. tions to the development of all of these. He performed the He was a foreign member of the first calculations of Auger electron yields and provided GDR Academy of Sciences and an Honorary Member of the Eōrvōs Lorand Society of Budapest He was awarded the the first interpretation with W. N. Asaad, of the relative intensities of the Auger K Joliot-Curie Medal of the World series spectrum.

The European K meson col-Peace Council, the Lenin International Prize for Peace and laboration, initially with partici-Understanding Among Peoples pants from Bristol, Dublin, Milan, Brussels and UCL was and was awarded the Order of Cyril and Methodius of the State Council of Bulgaria.

founded by him, jointly with C. F. Powell and G. P. S. Occhialini. This fruitful col-Members of the Department of Physics and Astronomy at laboration was later extended to UCL will remember Eric Burhop as an inspired teacher, an enthusiastic researcher, a include laboratories from Bari. Berlin (GDR), Warsaw and Westfield College. This was the man of compassion and one who first of the large collaborations firmly believed in the social to utilise nuclear emulsion stacks to study the behaviour responsibilities of scientists. He leaves a widow. Winnie, afficial two sons, and a daughter. of particles produced in accelerators. This fruitful venture is

MR J. W. SALTER CHALKER

John Wythe Salter Chalker— 'Salter" to his friends, was "Salter" to his friends, was over some 60 years a figure in both national and international agriculture. His dedication to the produc-

tion of food from his own farms and to agriculture generally led bim to a lifetime of service, chiefly through the National Farmers Union, from which few have not benefited either directly or indirectly.

He was born at Hurst, Berkshire in 1891 and was educated at Kendrick School, Reading. His father, the son of a schoolmaster, was in business but also farmed some 240 acres at Hurst where on leaving school Chalke began his farming career. His mother was the daughter of a Norfolk farmer and cattle salesman at Smithfield and, as manager for his father, he established in 1908 a dairy herd and was one of the first farmers in the district to send milk to London as opposed to the more normal practice of selling it locally. The dairy herd which he developed won him a high proportion of over 300 local and national awards.

In his early days Chalker was a very keen and successful athlete and also had a particu-lar love of horses, which was reflected in his presence in the hunting field and the Show ring.
In August 1914 he joined The

Berkshire Royal Horse Artillery as a gunner and served as an NCO in the Middle East. He was later commissioned in the Royal Artillery and in the final German retreat through France was both buried and gassed. As a result he was invalided out of the Army in 1919 following

Mr J. W. Salter Chalker, a long period in hospital. In OBE, died on January 20.

September of that year he formed the dairy herd mentioned earlier and four years later took on an additional farm of 100 acres and in 1925 moved to Hinton and Standlake Farms, -Hurst, later adding Southbury -Farm, Ruscombe and finally Bridge Farm, Twyford, Berks. In 1920 he joined the Read-

ing Branch of the NFU of which he was subsequently chairman and was also unique in being the only twice elected chairman of the old Berkshire County Branch, for 10 years he was chairman of its milk comthe NFU council from 1941 to 1978 and served not only on many of its committees but for 13 years occupied the chair of the union's animal health committee, for 11 years also holding the chairmanship on the Al Sub-Committee.

The interest which he had always shown in milk produc-tion led perhaps to his greatest single achievement, that of making a major contribution to the tuberculosis eradication

He sat on many boards and committees concerned with dairy research and milk pro-

duction.
In 1945 he was elected to judge the National Dairy Herd Competition.

He took on much other pub-

lic and local government work. He became a Berkshire County Councillor in 1940, was chairman of its agricultural section and was appointed a county magistrate in 1943. In 1945 he was elected an alderman. He was appointed OBE in 1956.

He is survived by his wife Joyce and their two sons and by four of their daughters.

Science report Parasitology: Voracious tsetse flies

By the Staff of Nature
A discovery by a joint team from
Salford, Basie and Jerusalem has
shed light on a long standing
puzzle: how can sleeping sickness
be prevalent in areas of Africa
where the carrier teetse flies are
apparently rare? The answer
seems to be that the flies become
more voracious for blood when
they are infected, so that they
attack more often and thus transmit the responsible parasites more
often than would otherwise be
expected.

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The parasites in question are the microscopic trypanosomes, which have a complicated life cycle requiring two hosts, the tests fly and a mammal such as man, antelope or cow. When a fly sucks the blood of an infected mammal, it also draws trypanosomes into its intestine. After undergoing developmental changes, they pass to the fly's salivary glands and continue to change and multiply. Those trypanosomes are then transmitted to the next mammal the fly attacks.

Trypanosomes can live in the blood of many mammals without causing them much incodvenience, but in man or domestic animals they cause an incapacitating and usually fatal disease. The World Health Organization (WHO) had included sleeping sickness (trypanosomiasis) as one of the six diseases in its special programme for research and training in tropical diseases.

According to WHO, 35 million people in Africa are at risk of infection, while the disease is difficult to diagnose and treat. It is also difficult to control tests flies

tely 25 million cattle are exposed to infection; vast areas of Africa cannot support cattle due to the presence of tsetse flies. The disease can be considered a prime reason for the abortage of protein in Africa. in Africa.

in Africa.

Epidemiologists studying the human form have been puzzled by the very small extent of infection in the treate files, as well as the frequent discovery of localized areas of disease where the files may be very difficult to find.

Now the significance of feeding behaviour among infected files has been demonstrated by the work of

Now the significance of feeding behaviour among infected flies has been demonstrated by the work of Dr L. Jenni from the Swiss Tropical Institute in Basle. Professor D. H. Molyneux and Professor D. L. Livesey from the University of Sakford and Professor R. Galun from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Using mice as the mammalian hosts, the team found that, compared with uninfected flies, those infected with trypanosomes probe through the skin Into the blood more frequently before taking a meal of blood. They also feed more voraciously and frequently. Thus the chances of the parasites being transmitted through the hollow prohoscis into the bloodstream are considerably greater than would be expected on the basis of the feeding behaviour or an uninfected fly.

Examining probosces under the electron microscope, the team found that the presence of trypanosomes inverteres with the function of sensors which monitor the rate of flow of blood, However, not only do the parasites impair the monitoring process. but

ever, not only do the parasites impair the monitoring process, but theoretical considerations of the mechanics of blood flow show that they would also have a marked effect on the flow detected by the

which restricts probing before the flies begin to garge themselves with blood. And so an infected fly probes more frequently than an uninfected fly.

Those results will explain some of the outstanding problems in the epidemiology of animal and human sleeping sickness. They also cast doubt on the use of rates of infection among testes flies for the assessment of "risk" in sleeping sickness.

Although, the studies reported

assessment of "risk" in sleeping sickness.

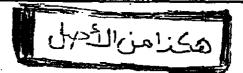
Although, the studies reported so far have been carried out in the laboratory, Professor Molyneux's group will visit West Africa in the next few months to study the feeding and probing behaviour of treate files in an area where sleeping sickness is rife. There are already indications, however, that the inneraction between parasites and sensors plays a role in the enhancement of transmission of the related Leishmania parasites by sandfiles. Professor Molyneux thinks it is also possible that those parasites that develop in the salivary ducts, or are associated with the moutparts of insects, such as malaria and filariasis, affect the behaviour of the insects so that the transmission of the parasite is facilitated in some way.

In any case the results so far provide important epidemiological clues for a better understanding of one of Africa's most important medical and veterinary problems, and they open up new possibilities.

one of Africa's most important medical and veterinary problems, and they open up new possibilities for research into the transmission of parasites by biting insects. 50 far it has been assumed that the biting behaviour of infected and uninfected insects is the same.

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THE TIMES **BUSINESS NEWS**





- Stock markets FT Ind 450.8, up 1.0 FT Gilts 68.93, up 0.18
- Sterling \$2.2790, up 35 points Index 71.8, down 0.2
- Index 84,6 up 0.3
- Gold
- \$700 an ounce up \$10 ■ 3-month money Inter-bank 175 to 173
- Euro-5 147 to 144.

IN BRIEF

Iran starts proceedings against Bank of America

legal proceedings in Paris against the Bank of America to try to recover \$100m (£43.5m) it deposited with the bank. The Iranians said \$50m of the deposit was due for release on December 12 and the rest was due on January 7, but the Bank of America said it was not in a position to unblock the

On Monday a Paris court opheld restrictions placed by the Iranian Central Bank on accounts in France held by the American Citibank, in response to Citibank blocking of Iranian deposits with it in Paris.

Geest acquisition

Geest Computer Services, part of the Geest food and industrial group, has acquired Charring-tons Computer Services of Bishop's Stortford and has set up a new company, Geest Micro Systems, to market microcomputer products.

Wine tax warning

Britain's wine and spirit industry has given a warning that further increases in wine taxa-tion could depress the market and lead to a drop of as much as 15 per cent in the amount of revenue collected.

Armitage holding Armitage Shanks's largest shareholder, the Dutch-based

Ceramics Investment Holdings, vesterday increased its stake in the sanitary ware group from 21 per cent to 23.51 per cent. Armitage is the subject of a 530m bid from Blue Circle

British Rail openings The Government is looking

at ways of attracting private investment into subsidiary com-panies of British Rail. Mr Norman Fowler the Transport Minister told the new select committee of MPs on transport that his department was con sidering whether there might be suitable openings for private investment in British Rail's hotels, hovercraft, property and Sealink ventures.

Turkey delays cuts

Turkey is delaying its long-awaited austerity package until gets a guarantee from the West for continued economic

Oil tanks Gulf-bound Three giant oil purification

tanks, part of a consignment of 14 from Britain to the Middle East, have been shipped out of Liverpool to the Gulf. The tanks were built at the Midlands works of Danks of

Meat plant jobs cut

The Fatstock Marketing Cor-poration, which is 74 per cent owned by an offshoot of the National Farmers' Union, said vesterday it plans to halve the workforce at its second largest factory in its C. and T. Harris food division, bringing the number of jobs down to 450.

Wall Street up sharply

Led by strength in defence Stock Market rose sharply in heavy trading. The Dow-Jones industrial average climbed 11 points to 877.56. Turnover was 50,730,000 compared to yester-day's 50,620,000. The \$ SDR was 1.31815 and the £SDR was

Armitage Shnks 39p to 95p Beecham Grp 3p to 125p Beralt Tin 5p to 55p

51p to 771p

Rises

Falls

ComPair Expand Metal

Gold price upheaval as political rumours lead to market confusion

Gold fluctuated wildly on bullion markets yesterday, at one point dipping below \$600 an ounce to \$550. It then rocketed by an astounding \$100 and finally closed at \$700 an ounce in London, a rise of \$10 on the day. on the day.

Activity was so hectic that the London fixings were delayed. No one seemed sure where the price was going next Markets have been gripped by sold fever since the new year gold fever since the new gold fever since the new year but one dealer commented that yesterday was the most turbu-lent day he had seen.

The same was true across Europe. In Zurich the price plummeted early in the morning as a wave of selling hit the market. This was largely based on unconfirmed claims that the former Shah of Iran had been arrested in Panama arrested in Panama.

Throughout the day markets were rocked by rumour and counter-rumour. Stories of the release of the American hostages in Tehran, a denial that the Shah had been arrested, and the supposed death of President Tito of Yugoslavia were all circulating, sending gold plunging and soaring. Some angry dealers suggested

Opec dollar

surpluses

as problem

not seen

From Peter Norman

Brussels, Jan 23

countries.

Threshold

countries

rising inexorably.

Sources said today that there

of debts run up by the thres-hold countries. The feeling is growing that the western in-dustrial nations will have to

provide more direct assistance

An awareness has also grown that the recycling problem is very different from that after

the first sharp increase in oil prices in 1973.

At the one extreme there is

i growing reluctance on the part

of the Opec nations to hold their surpluses in dollars and western policymakers must go some way to meeting this de-sire for diversification.

At the other, they must try to see that the indebtedness of

certain developing nations does not threaten the West's banking system, and so are exploring

the chances for giving the IMF and the Opec aid schemes a

greater role in keeping deficit

remedies have been put forward for political discussion so far.

in the supply and demand struc-ture for oil, the West cannot

now count on a period of stable or falling oil prices as followed.

the first round of major price

Among the few positive points are the higher reserves held by

increases in the 1970s.

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MFI Furn 4p to 82p
Rand Mine Pro
Union Discount 10p to 235p
Union Discount 10p to 393p

Und Scientific

6p to 412p

Officials admit that no patent

Because of worldwide changes

nations afloat

GOLD PRICE 700 -650

that big speculators were de-liberately starting the rumours. Upheaval on the bullion mar-ket appeared to have some effect on currency markets for the first time for days. The pound and the dollar weakened in fairly brisk trading. But conditions were nothing like those on the gold market.

The dollar slipped slightly against the West German and Swiss currencies to close at DM1.7285 and Swiss francs 1.60225. The Japanese yen rose by nearly 21 to close at 237.2 against the dollar. Sterling gained 35 points against the dollar but dropped by 0.2 on its tradeweighted index to finish at 21.9 71.8 per cent of its end-1971 value.

Although many people must have had their fingers burned in the recent collapse of the gold price from its record levels last week, there are still many who believe the metal will re-

There appeared to be strong resistance to the price drop at the \$600 an ounce level. Dealers reported that some big sellers at \$800 an ounce were buying back once the price fell to below \$600 an ounce. Earlier this month the metal's rise received a temporary setback at above \$600 and then picked up from \$600.

After the present shakeout and profit taking the price could thus rise again towards the \$1,000 an ounce barrier. However, the volatility of the market makes all predictions suspect.
Political considerations have dominated the price swings and the next move could well be determined by the health of President Tito or the state of

East-West relations.

At yesterday's close gold had still seen a rise of about \$175 an ounce since the turn of the year. Silver prices were also mixed yesterday, closing 50p lower for spot at 1,575 to

US monetary official urges joint approach

From Frank Vogl US Economics Correspondent New York, Jan 23

An appeal for "special efforts" at policy coordination by the largest industrial countries to minimize the effects of Finance ministers of the "big five" industrial nations have the huge payments surpluses of tentatively concluded that the world's financial system should be able to cope with recycling the estimated \$100,000m (about £43,859m) of Opec surplus this the oil exporting countries has been made by a top United Scates government official. Mr Anthony Solomon, the United States Treasury's under-

secretary for monetary affairs, who has just been named president of the New York But at their weekend meet ing in Kronberg, near Frank-furt, the ministers from the Federal Reserve Bank, called today for greater coordination United States, West Germany, Japan, France and Britain apdomestic economic policies parently agreed that after 1980 between the industrial nations. new instruments would need to Mr Solomon, who has just be created to handle the oilreturned from meetings in Europe with officials from induced balance of payments deficit of the "threshold" Britain, France, West Germany, Italy and Japan; also called for reform of the international

nations like Brazil, Egypt, Pakistan, Turkey and Zaire which are in the throes of advancing from a less developed to an monetary system and a strengththe International ening of the Monetary Fund. emphasized that them are either at or fast ap-proaching their debt ceilings could be no new official world monetary role for gold and said rumours suggesting official action to give gold a new role vhile their demand for oil is

was general consensus at the meeting that these countries among the key governments and monetary officials with whom I am in frequent contact that the very instability of the price of gold makes it imposrather than the industrialized nations or the least developed countries would constitute the major recycling problem in sible to consider the remone-tarization of gold." Monetary officials are coming to accept that there will have to be some rescheduling

At a packed press conference here to amounce officially his appointment to one of the top positions in the American central backing system, Mr Solomon said he strongly supported the tight credit policies of the Federal Reserve Board and considered that persistent and steady federal reserve action to control the money sup-ply is absolutely essential".

stantially more stability in the period since the freeze by the United States authorities of Tranian assets than some out-"I think it is rather impres-sive and especially so as we

" nonsense ". "It is the unanimous view

The international monetary system and particularly the American dollar had shown sub-

have had the price of gold jumping around like a yoyo", Mr Solomon said. He emphasized that coordina-

tion of domestic policies which directly influenced inflation, growth and employment between the industrial countries was a slow and difficult process. He said he really did wish to underline its importance this

Mr Solomon sounded confident of progress on this front and on international monetary Consideration wa being given to try to strengthen International Fund's powers of surveillance over balance of payments ad-justments and international justments and international liquidity and financing, as well as foreign exchange policies. He did not think the meeting

in April of the IMP's ministerial committee would be able to finalize all the details of a substitution account under which central banks would be able to exchange dollars for some new IMF asset linked to special drawing rights (SDRs).

This comment clearly suggests that the substitution account plan is running into more technical difficulties than have recently been indicated by international officials. Mr Solomon acknowledged that the IMF had been think-

ing of using gold in some way to support the substitution account plan bur stressed that such use would "not amount to a remonetarization of gold". He said that he had decided to leave his top treasury post after three years and move to the New York Fed because he relished fresh challenges. He would continue to work on strengthening the global mone-tary system while also striving to curb domestic inflation.

Docks appointment Mr John Howard, General

Cargo manager with the Mer-sey Docks and Harbour Company has been appointed chairman of the Liverpool Dock Labour Board. He succeeds Mr Jimmy Symes, District Docks Secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union.

PO strives to keep telegram service

Management Correspondent

A tug of war over the loss telegram service to be developing the Government and the Post Office.

Sir Keith Joseph Secretary of State for Industry, is understood to have questioned the justification for continuing the service in its present form. He is believed to have asked the Post Office to review the long-term future of relegrams in the light of the forthcoming separa-tion of telecommunications from

No sell out

of tap stock

City expectations at the start

of the week that the Govern-

ment's new offering of long dated stock would prove a sell-

out were disappointed yester-

day. Even so, market estimates

suggested that rather over half the stock may have been taken

up on application and that there

could be fresh demand for the

stock once dealings start this

It turned out to be a strange day in the gilt market yester-day. With prices looking rather

easier on Tuesday, the short-term speculators clearly decided

not to come out in force for the new long-dated stock before

subscription lists closed yester-

day morning.
Though this might have been

particularly late in the after-

vided the Government broker

centrated their attention on the longer-dated issue rather than the short-dated stock, Exchequer

With overall applications for

morning. Even so, the market

remains extremely tight and any fresh movement of money into

gilts over the remainder of the

the authorities the

week would keep it that way.

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But the Post Office says it is determined to maintain the service, which straddles posts and telecommunications, despite

its losses.

The telegram operation was to hiving off the telegram serextensively overhauled by a vice to private industry. Al-

decision to revitalize the ser-vice was one of Sir William Barlow's first moves when he took over as chairman of the Post Office. At that time, Sir William promised his full commitment

to a reprieve after the service had been condemned as being "in a serious, indeed, hopeles condition" by the Government appointed Carter Review Committee a year earlier.

About 70 per cent of messages are received by telephone via the telecommunications division but most are delivered

The complex internal allo-Cation of resources and costs between the two divisions is

though the Post Office hopes eventually to eliminate financial losses it does not believe the service would ever be profitable. The Post Office wants to revitalize telegrams to provide a service to households without telephones.

Use of telegrams had been declining steadily for many years, but the inland service has recently shown a marginal improvement. In 1976 4.2 million telegrams were despatched and 3.2 million were sent in

associated with the reorganization contributed to a slight increase to 3.3 million. A rise of 16 per cent in the number of greetings telegrams during the second half of the year was

In 1979 a marketing drive attributed by the Post Office to advertising.

planned and are aimed at improving efficiency and quality of the service. The Post Office plans to promote vigorously services such as the overnight telegram which although cheaper than the ordinary rate will enable a message received before 10.30 pm to be delivered with the first post the next day.

This is thought to have considerable commercial potential. The corporation also plans to extend the range of greeting messages which account for an estimated 70 per cent of total use. At present these are mainly used for weddings but a wide range of decorative telegrams are available for birthdays and

Industry is facing two 'grim' years ahead, Sir Keith Joseph says

Industrial Editor

Grim warnings about the prospects for industry over the next two years were issued yesterday by Sir Keith Joseph the Industry Secretary, who reaffirmed the Government's commitment to allowing market forces to shape the future of the country's industrial base. Sir Keith, who appeared before the Select Committee on Trade and Industry, told MPs

that the next two years would be difficult with industry fac-ing a "catastrophically" low level of profits. The difficul-ties, he suggested, would be aggravated by workers asking for next increases which would for pay increases which would add to unit costs and reduce profits still further.

Asked what attitude the Government would take towards companies which found themtaken as likely to put a new damper on the market, prices were soon moving ahead again, selves in financial difficulties. Sir Keith said: "The general policy is to leave such situations So, if overnight levels are held or improved upon when trading resumes this morning. to be dealt with by the market. have announced that there might be exceptions very occasionally of a case where the the new stock (Treasury 124 per cent 2003/05) is expected to Government think it necessary open at a premium and could well meet fresh demand proto take some action, but it would be very exceptional."

is ready to supply stock.

As expected applicants for new stock almost certainly conof Rolls-Royce which is being brought under the surveillance of his department once the Industry Bill now before Parliament is enacted, Sir Keith said that arrangements for monitoring the company's activities were under discussion. the two stocks appearing to fall "Our monitoring will be short of earlier money market

Questioned about the future

forecasts, short term interest cost to the taxpayer in crossing rates eased back during the the valley through which we must pass before coming into profit ", he said.

present tightness of money but we guess that there is going markets is almost certainly a to be a difficult couple of years before they do."

covered many aspects of the De-partment of Industry's work and its role in sponsoring major Keith declared that he had no magic wand to cure British in dustry's ills against a back ground of a century of relative economic decline. But he attributed the lack of progress to what he described as the gulf of understanding and the

gulf of loyalties".

Dealing with regional policy, the Industry Secretary stressed that it was not the intention to alter the main lines of regional policy during the period of the Government, but he revealed that a study was being under-taken by Sir Derek Rayner into the effectiveness and operation of the regional development grants paid to industries which located their business in the assisted areas. While the system would remain stable in general terms, there were problems.

Through its four regional offices the Government is providing over £400m in grant payments with a staff of over 500. The investigation is designed to produce improve ments in the processing of claims and payment of grants with benefits to the taxpayer It should be completed in about four months. Questioned about the effec-iveness of the Invest In Britain

Bureau and its impact on attracting foreign investment to the United Kingdom, Sir Keith said that he believed that overseas businessmen were pretty directed towards minimizing the hard headed when it came to cost to the taxpayer in crossing taking investment decisions, although there were occasion where the work of the bureau had succeeded in persuading a "We have every confidence company to locate in Britain. But he said that the country's in the management of Rolls- But he said that the country's Royce and the workforce to reputation for bad industrial

reach and maintain profitability, relations created an impression in the minds of foreign investors which could deter them from investing



Mr Ralph Ehrmann: talk ol

Airfix chief in talks with institutions By Philip Robinson

Mr Raiph Ehrmann, Airfix chairman, faced the first of two vital meetings with his big insti-tutional shareholders yesterday. He had called the meetings after several inquiries in December when he decided to close the Meccano and Dinky

Toy factory in Liverpool. Seven of the 20 invited institurious took part in the talks which lasted three hours. A further meeting with the re-maining 13 is planned for today.

The company would not say

whether the finances of the company were discussed. but said in a statement that Mr Ehrmann discussed the company's activities and his philo-sophy for Airfix in the 1980s and also talked about new products. Twenty-four hours before the

meeting Mr Ehrmann received an offer for Meccano from Sheridan Investments, privately-owned manufacturer of do-it-yourself products. It is understood the offer was l worth much less than £2m.

and Mr Ehrmann is reported to have described it as a breaker's yard offer.

British Aluminium puts prices up again been increasing in line with forecasts of a significant upparticularly fuel, and the need nounced shortly. Premiums for By Edward Townsend

British Aluminium vesterday announced a further round of price increases that will boost the cost of primary ingot to £815 per tonne from February 4. The company has now imposed three increases since last summer, which in total have lifted ingot prices by more than 16 per cent.

The latest rise follows that of Alcan Aluminium 10 days ago when primary ingut went up by £50 to £810 per tonne in the United Kingdom and the Irish Republic. World aluminium prices have

the world have been falling consistently for almost two years and it is clear that producers will seek to raise prices substantially as the prospects of a shortage grow and the cost of fuel escalates. Energy accounts for about half the cost of producing aluminium. British Aluminium, which has

few years, which the producers

capacity in the UK to produce about 140,000 tonnes per year, said the current increases reflected severe cost pressures,

pany has just embarked on a £35m modernization of its Lochmay be unable to satisfy.

E35m modernization of its Loch—
Stocks of the metal around aber smelter at Fort William tatching up with those in other
the world have been falling which, because of high energy European countries. The French
consistently for almost two costs, is likely to be the last price for primary ingot rose to expansion of aluminum capa-city in the United Kingdom for many years. British Aluminium uses most of its primary metal in its own

downstream activities and said that the prices of semi-fabricated, extruded, rolled and drawn products would be inproducts prices would be an- and cheap prices.

forecasts of a significant up to try to restore margins to "a billet and high purity metal surge in demand in the next more flexible level". The com-would be raised from February

price for primary ingot rose to £821 per tonne earlier this month, the Italian to £866 at the end of December and the German level is expected to be lifted soon to £818. Until recently, aluminium production and demand grew

at about 8 per cent a year and most producers believe that a high rate of return was sacri creased by 8 per cent from high rate of return was sacri-February 18. Increases in foil ficed in a bid for fast growth

Programme companies and advertisers stand to lose millions of dollars.

Counting the TV cost of an Olympic boycott

United States athletes to boycott the Moscow Olympics this summer is throwing the major television networks into a dilemma which could cost them millions of dollars. Any counter action by Russian competitors in not taking part in the Lake Placid Winter Olympics would be small beer to the financial disruption resulting from a Moscow boycott.

Mr Alan Baker of NBC, which
paid \$70m (£30m) for the

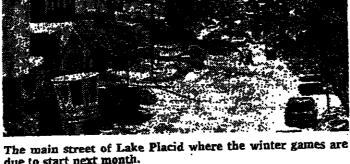
It could recoup a large portion of the outlay through an insurance policy at Lloyds, but its real problem would be the further \$150m in advertising revenue for commercials to be screened during the Olympic programmes which it would also

American rights to screen the

summer Olympics, said his net-work would scrap its coverage

if America decided not to take

Almost all the available time has been sold much of it at premium rates. The insurance policy does not cover this loss —nor is the government likely to offer compensation, neither to the network nor to the companies which will have to scrap already made commercials. The ban would also sabotage NBC's schedules and send it on a costly scramble to find programmes to fill the 150 hours of empty screen time. dollar drive to capture the Smaller TV stations within Russian market from rivals



per cent of the available Olympic commercial time locally on their own account. Industry sources estimate that a further \$100m will be

lost by manufacturers of brand-ed goods bearing the Olympic insignia and many manufac-turers have already supped production of these nems. Levi Straus, they say, will be particularly hard hit. Not only is ir supplying 6,000 uniforms to the athletes themselves, but it was planning to use this gimmick to spearhead its change of image from that of

jeans manufacturer to a com-

plete clothing company. Coca Cola the soft drink

plier to the games it agreed to leave behind in Moscow much of the plant needed to supply the 19 million drinks it expected to sell. And it paid the Russians \$13m in fees for the privilege. It is difficult to imagine American television companies happy to see the Russians arriv-

ing in Lake Placid, the small ski resort 300 miles north of New York city, where the winter Olympics are due to begin next ABC television is particularly sensitive. For the past few years it has dominated the American

TV network with far more viewers than its rivals. But much to the industry's Russians. manufacturer also stands to get surprise, instead of being com-a poor return on its million fortably in the lead with half this season gone, it is running neck-and-neck with CBS. The

clusive winter Olympic cover-age could be crucial in deciding if it can hold on as number one -and be able to charge prem-ium advertising rates again When Lake Placid tendered

the cost was estimated at \$25m. But spending has soared to more than \$180m. The money came: \$93m from federal funds; \$43m from state funds and \$46m from private sources. Some, at least, of this

for the Games four years ago

might have to be repaid if the Games collapse, though how the community could afford it is another matter.

Some \$30m of the privately raised money came from industry. More than 200 firms anging from Alka Seltzer to Lipton Soup paid between \$50,000 and \$300,000 each to use the Olympic symbol on

their products and be desig-

nated as an official supplier.

Four years ago only \$3.8m was paid by 35 companies. Mr John Carroll, president of a New York agency, Capital Sports, which did much to persuade firms to get involved, says that their commitment stands with or withour the "The games will go on, whether the Russians are

there or not", he said.

Anthony Hilton

ZETTERS GROUP LIMITED INTERIM STATEMENT

Six months ended 30th September, 1979

The unaudited results of the Group for the six months ended 30th September, 1979 compared with the figures for the corresponding period to 30th September, 1978 and the audited figures for the year ended 31st March, 1979 were as follows:—

TURNOVER:		ths ended ptember 1978	
Gross Stakes Received	5,247,982	7,993,845	17,412,58
Less: Payments to Pools Winners and Betting Tax	5,394.965	5,253,286	11,485,50
(b) Bingo and Cinemas	2,853,017 2,249,911		
	£5,102,928	£4,644,552	£9,746,27
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	614,891	608,470	1,391,53
TAXATION	320,000	316,400	768,91
PROFIT AFTER TAXATION	£294,891	£292,070	£622,62
EARNINGS per Share	4.50p	4.45p	9.49
INTERIM DIVIDEND per Share	8.75p	Nil	•
AMOUNT absorbed by Interim Dividend	£49,181	Nil	

Following a period of considerable increase in trading and profits in recent years, brought about mainly by acquisitions, the group has now experienced a levelling off in turnover, particularly by the pools division. As a result, profits are only marginally higher than those earned in the corresponding period of last year.

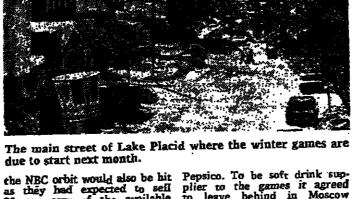
The directors have declared an interim dividend of 0.75p per per share (1978: Nil) which will be paid on 11th April. 1980 to shareholders on the Register at the close of business on 7th March,

The dividend payable together with the associated tax credit is equivalent to 1.071p per share.

Current Training and Prospects Trading is showing some improvement compared to this time last year, and as a result a moderate increase in profits is anticipated for the current financial year ending 31st March, 1980.

Hampton Gold Imp Cont Gas Sp to 340p 10p to 91p 9p to 105p 6p to 86p Hampton Gold 15p to 165p Imp Cont Gas 15p to 1665p 4p to 54p 5tandard Chart 7p to 492p 2p to 12p Bambers Stores Denbyware Foster Bros THE POUND 11.08 112.00 1.88 149.00 9.34 3.62 2.26 sells 2.03 27.75 64.75 2.62 12.18 8.26 9.12 3.90 96.00 10.72 Norway Kr Portugal Esc 120.00 South Africa Rd 2.03 Spain Ptn 2.04 Sweden Kr 3.24 Sustralia S 29.75 68.25 2.69 12.73 Austria Sch Belgium Fr Sweden Kr 9.74 Switzerland Fr 3.34 USA S 232 Yagoslavia Dar 53.00)enmark Kr inland Mkk ermany Dm 101.00 11.32 dongkong S taly Lira lapan Yu

PRICE CHANGES





Sardinia fibre plant gets £88m state aid

The Italian cabinet today approved a grant of .160bn lire (588m) to ENI, the state hydrocarbons corporation. The grant, announced before

Signor Francesco Cossigh, the Prime Minister, flew to the United States, will enable ENI to buy out Montefibre's 50 per cent share in the disaster stricken Ottana manmade fibres plant in central Sarwhich has never made a profit since starting production in 1975. ENI already owns the other 50 per cent through its chemical subsidiary ANIC. This revenue for Montefibre should in turn clear the way for a 200bn lire (£111m) rescue hy its parent Montedison and Montelibre is the most serious loss maker in the Montedison

Trade gap widens

Britain's trade deficit with the Soviet Union totalled £409.9m last year, up £144.8m on the 1978 figure. Imports from the Soviet Union rose 20 per cent to £828.9m while British exports fell by one per cent to £419.0m, according to British figures released in Mos-

Iran reserves rising



exchange reserves are rising by about \$1,000m (£439.5m) a month and now stand at about \$7,000m (£3,078.5m), according to Mr Ali Reza Nobari, the governor of Iran's Central Bank (above). He said about \$4,000m funds are illegally frozen abroad.

Bonn bank directive

West German banks must include gold, silver and platinum in their open foreign exchange positions from February 1. The new regulation issued by the hanks cannot hold more than 30 per cent of their liable capital in open foreign exchange, gold, silver and platinum,

More bankruptoies

A total of 657 insolvency peritions were brought before West German courts last November, four cases more than in November, 1978. Business insolvencies totalled 416, while insolvencies of individuals and estates totalled 241.

Money supply up

The growth of West Germany's broadly defined money supply (M3) rose 5.1 per cent on an annually projected basis in December, up from a rise of 4.4 per cent in November. The M2 supply grew at an annually projected 10.3 per cept in December, up from a rate of 8 per cent in November.

£55m order for R-R



Orders for five Boeing 747s orders for tive Boeing 74/5
powered by Rolls-Royce
RB211 engines have been
approved for Qantas, the
Australian airline, by the
Australian Government. The deal is worth £55m to Rolls-Royce. In another deal, Hongkong-based Cathay Pacific Airways is to invest Facilic Alfways is to invest £27m on a Boeing 747-200B, also powered by Rolls-Royce RB211 engines, for delivery in Junc 1981. Almost £7m of the investment will go to the United Kingdom in orders for the engines, galleys, and

Japan deficit drops Japan's customs cleared trade deficit narrowed sharply in December to \$254.83m (£111.64m) from an upwards revised figure of \$2.21bn (£971.4m) deficit in November, and compared with a \$1.97bn (£865.9m) surplus a year ago, the Finance Ministry said in Tokyo.

SEC member resigns

Mrs Roberta Karmel has resigned as a member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, from February 1, for "purely personal" reasons. Another commission member, Mr Irving Pollack, plans to retire in June.

Japan lending curb

Japanese Finance Ministry has rold Mitsui Bank to strictly observe 1974 guidelines for lendings to single borrowers and reduce its lendings to Mitsui and Co Ltd by 66,880m yen (£122,04m) by the end of March.

British companies fear long-term damage if sanctions are adopted

No stomach for Soviet trade war

the several bundred British companies which trade with the Soviet Union. But there was some anxiety that the present cordiality of relations could soon be re-placed by coldness.

Later today Lord Carrington, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, will give details of political and trade measures to be taken against the Soviet Union in retaliation for its invasion of He is almost certain to announce that

the present cheap credit arrangement with the Soviet Union will not be continued when it expires on February 16. About £400m of the original £950m facility remains available. However, businessmen fear that if trade

sanctions are to be successful they must be more wide-ranging and consequently far more damaging to British business interests. Mr Ronald Scrivener, executive director

of the British-Soviet Chember of Com-merce, said that political differences should not be allowed to interfere with trade. Curtailment would have a serious effect on employment in Britain.

The chamber's membership is made up of 635 British companies and 46 Soviet foreign trade organizations. Relations between the two groups remain good and both are anxious that trade should continue.

Government wants coordinated action against the Soviet Union, Sir Ian Gilmour, the Lord Privy Seal, has discussed possible retaliatory measures with Britain's European partners. Yesterday, trade and industry ministers held talks with Mr Luther Hodges, the United States deputy commerce secretary. deputy commerce secretary, on concerted

Britain's action will not be duplicated by that of its European partners "Personally, I believe that there is a danger that if we go it alone, our competitors will merely benefit." Mr Ambony Hore, executive secretray of the East European Trade Council, said. Cutting off trade with the Soviet Union would mean incurring considerable odium which would take many

Few industrialists believe that there will be a complete trade embargo. They recognize that scope for hurring the Russians by refusing technological aid, as the Americans intend, is limited. On the other hand Britain obtains important raw materials from the Soviet Union.

Last year, it met 4.8 per cent of United Kingdom oil needs. Trade figures released yesterday show that the trade gap widened in Russia's favour during 1979. Imports totalled £827.6m (against £688.1m in 1978) and exports £419m (against £423m).

The main imports are oil and oil-related products, diamonds, furs, cork and timber. The remainer was accounted for by consumer durables. In the first 11 whs of 1979, for example, £27.5m worth of cars were imported. The Sovier Union provided 11 per cent of Britain's diamond imports and 13.5 per cent of tamber

It is on the export side, however, where companies are most likely to be his by trade sanctions.

In the first 11 months of last year exports totalled £381m. The breakdown was: machinery £117m, of which office and data processing machinery was worth £12m; semi-manufactured goods £103m, of which iron and steel products were worth £33m; textiles £31m; and chemicals

the wer has been disappointing despite the boost given by the £950m line of credit extended by the Wilson government in 1975. The scheme has been administered by the Export Credits Guarantee Department, which yesterday confirmed that even if it was withdrawn there would at present be nothing to prevent companies continu-ing to trade and to seek ECGD cover for their business. ECGD officials yesterday held ralks with ministers.

The largest single cheap loan guaranteed was for \$223m (about £102m) advanced for a methanol plant being constructed by Davy Powergas. Davy, which is badding for a st least two more constructed. at least two more contracts in Russia, is only one of a number of large international companies whose future workload in the Soviet Union could be jeopardized by any

Others include ICI, which has a long-tanding relationship with Eastern bloc tates, and British Petroleum, which recently announced that its German subsidiary was negotiating with the Soviet Union for the construction of a £5,100m

natural gas pipeline.

Several companies, including Rank
Xerox and Marconi International part of
the GEC empire, have received contracts tied specifically to the staging of the Olympic Games in Moscow. Marconi, for example, has supplied television monitor-ing equipment. Many have hopes of repeat

Whatever the measures announced by Lord Carrington, existing contracts are unlikely to be affected. ECGD cover will not be withdrawn and no difficulty in obtaining payment for work done or goods supplied is expected.

Mr Scrivener said: "The Russians have

a first-class record of honouring contracts. John Huxley

Industrial investment fall of 7.5 pc predicted

From Peter Norman

Brussels, Jan 23 Industrial investment Britain this year will fall by at least 7.5 per cent in real terms, according to the latest halfyearly investment survey from the European Commission in

Brussels. The predicted decline will probably be unparalleled elsewhere in the EEC. Throughout the Community investment is expected to rise by 2.5 per cent fter advancing by only 1 per cent in 1979.

The survey was carried out in October and November last year and therefore cannot con-sider industry's reactions to the latest oil price increases. It suggests that Belgium and Germany will experience a strong real growth of 8 per cent in industrial investment in

In the Netherlands, investment should advance by 6 per cent in volume terms; a 5.5 per cent growth rate is pre-dicted for France. Data for Italy were unavailable when the survey was compiled and the commission expects industrial investment in Ireland to remain

static this year.
The commission expects that for the whole community industrial investment will be most buovant in basic materials with a volume increase this year of fall of about 6 per cent.

The metallurgical industry is expected to show a 4.5 per cent rise in volume investment after

Coal mines

'booming',

chief says

By Ronald Kershaw Britain's coalmining industry

is booming. Productivity is up, sales are increasing, output is rising and absenteeism is falling. In financial terms, the

coal industry is on target, said Sir Derek Ezra, chairman of the National Coal Board during a

visit to Markham main colliery

near Doucaster yesterday. Sir Derek went so far as to agree that coal presented the brightest picture for some con-

the NCB's success, he said its biggest customer, the Central Electricity Generating Board, was using more coal than ever. In January it used more than two million tous in one week

two million tons in one week.

the electricity industry at a rate of about six million tons a

year more than last year. By the end of March there was every prospect the 75 million tons CEGB target would be

exceeded by two or three million tons. Last year 69

million tons were delivered. Sales were going well in all

markets except steel, because of the strike, said Sir Derek.

Overall sales were up by more than six million tons, although

supplies of coking coal were

Coal was being delivered to

a slight fall last year. In the processing and food industries the investment climate is expected to weaken this year. Fall in volume investment is expected to be 3 per cent for processing and 2 per cent for food.

The commission does not give volume forecasts for industrial sectors in individual countries.
In Britain, overall investment in value terms, before adjust-ment for inflation, should rise by only 4 per cent this year (compared to 9 per cent in 1979) and the best performance is expected from the food industry

with a 9 per cent advance. Spending in other sectors in Britain should increase at rates well below inflation this year. The commission expects a rise of 7 per cent in investment in British basic materials industry, 3 per cent in mechanical industries and only 1 per

cent in processing industries. Investment in the British metallurgical industry is expected to drop by 2 per cent in value this year after an 8 per cent fall in 1979. This is a substantial real decline when inflation is taken into account.

The commission's December survey of business opinion has confirmed a downward trend in business confidence in the community. The graph marking community started to move

Subsidies to merchant yards cost £863 a man

By Peter Hill Industrial Editor

Subsidies to shipbuilding workers are costing the taxpayer £863 for each of the 27,000 men engaged in merchant building yards, and subsidies throughout the whole shipbuilding industry are £297 for

each man. The level of aid has been disclosed by Mr Adam Butler, Minister of State for Industry amid the growing financial pres-sures on lossmaking British Shipbuilders which will shortly recommence pay negotiations with its workforce.

In the first nine months of its existence subsidies to the 37,000 workers then employed in merchant building totalled £28.1m, equivalent to £759 a man. For the whole of the 1978-79 financial year subsidies totalled £391 for the 32,000 workers employed in the merchant yards. Over the nine months to the

end of last year total subsidies of £23.3m were made. This rose to £863 per man employed in merchant shipbuilding. Averaged over the whole of

the corporation's labour force, which includes those workers employed principally on naval business climate in the ship construction, the subsidy munity started to move per man amounted to £338 in downwards in August, 1979 but the first nine months of the trend was interrupted corporation's existence and dip-briefly by a slight improvement ped to £153 in the 1978-79 in November.



Mr Adam Butler: disclosed

In its first year the state ship building corporation lost £108m. Last year it lost £49.5m against a target loss of £45m.

The direct subsidy is paid to British Shipbuilders through the Government's intervention fund which is designed to bridge the gap between British prices and those of its foreign compe titors. In this financial year a ceiling of £65m has been set for intervention fund allocations.

Next financial year the corporation will be restricted to intervention fund assistance of only £55m which has to be included in the overall loss figure of £90m.

In addition to the direct sub-sidy aid for new orders the corporation has also received a further £166m in the form of public dividend capital to sup-

Domestic electricals improvement 'not enough' says NEDC report

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

industry's competitive strength in home and foreign markets, despite signs of improvement

in performance. red the pricing and production methods of the Italian industry. Italian competition, particulation competition, particularly in automatic washing machines, remains "a matter for concern", with the landed price of an Italian machine in 1978 standing at 199 compared with a United Kingdom factory gate price of £150, the report

Italy's high output and low manning levels kept labour costs below those of the United Kingdom, the working party points out. There was also a tive price advantages of the Italian industry were now to some extent being eroded by substantial wage increases.

the result of its investiga-Productivity is becoming in- tain the industry has more than worth about £1,000m a year, creasingly crucial for the 200 plants employing about domestic electrical appliance 63,000 people. Bringing these lessons home will demand the "full commitment" of both management and trade unions, the report says.

This is the conclusion of the latest report published yesterday, of the National Economic Development Council's sector saw, a 10 per cent sales increase up to the end of the third quarter 1979 compared with the previous year. Overall import penetration

Although import penetration has been checked in some sec-tors where British manufacturers were particularly vulnerable, it has risen in the one-door refrigerator market. Im-ports stood at 30 per cent; Italy was the largest source accounting for 60 per cent of all such imports, says the report.

In the growth sector of the refrigeration market, fridge-freezers import share has been reduced but it still stood at just under 70 per cent, the report says. Fridge-freezers now Italian industry were now to the United Kingdom makers as some extent being eroded by further capacity comes on substantial wage increases.

The working party will send adds,

In the overall domestic elections to the industry; in Bri- trical appliances market, now imports took almost 30 per cent in 1978. Last year the British industry's recovery had been hindered both by the engineering strike in the latter half of the year and by the strong price competition from some

Equally the strength of sterling had helped weaken the disappointing export perform-ance which was suffering from stock shorrages caused by strong home market demand, the report states.

The working party urges the industry to keep abreast of microelectronic developments. It is also concerned about smaller companies which may be hit by cutbacks in Government spending on export promotion.

Most members of the working party are also opposed to the Government hiving off the various electricity boards' high points out. There was also a report of the refrigeration market remain intact, says the report heads, although the comparacement of the refrigeration market remain intact, says the report and are a strong challenge to * Domestic Electrical Application of the refrigeration of the sand are a strong challenge to * Domestic Electrical Pages 1980 street showrooms. The boards' ances Progress Report 1980, National Economic Development Office, Millhank Tower, London SW1P 4QX.

Big firms 'blamed' for tool industry decline

By Clifford Webb Midland Industrial

Correspondent
Mr Roy Roberts, newly
appointed managing director of
Guest Keen and Nettlefolds,
Europe's biggest engineering group, admitted yesterday that large companies were partly to blame for the depressing state of the gauge and tool industry. He told representatives of 150 gauge and tool firms at a Birmingham seminar that large company tool consumers had spent so much of their time "screwing down" the small producer that they had been chipping away the bedrock of their future supplies.

At the same time small tool companies had contributed to their own downfall by failing

ment Council. It said Britain was easily bottom of the international league table in net turnover per employee, hourly labour costs and other performance marketics. ance yardsticks.

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It called for the formation of larger units in the fragmented industry which had contracted by 50 per cent in the past 13 years.

Mr Roberts said the report's conclusions were predictable. It was clear that contract tool

companies would be forced to group together if not structur-ally then federally. This would ensure sufficient investment and technical strength to win major contracts. It would also enable them to hold skilled labour in the bad times.

of the gauge and tool sector skills which would be owned working party's first report to and sponsored by groups of the National Economic Develop-small tool manufacturers. He small tool manufacturers. He said the fact that Britain was bottom of the league gave those who were still in business "a management opportunity second to none "...

In a controversial address which nevertheless had a polite hearing Mr Sidney Kallar, a Ford engineer and official of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, said the British tool industry had been going downhill for decades largely because of management neglect. The result was a chronic shortage of skilled labour, with men leaving to work overseas for much higher wages. The time was coming when we would be a nation of assemblers of other people's products made on tools designed and produced over- took too much out of businesses.



Mr Roy Roberts: toolmakers

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Allowing capitalism to work

From Projessor G. W. Maynard ducing no more goods and services (roughly the situation in the United Kingdom today) your issue of January 14, Mr Heffer explains why competi-tive capitalism causes strikes. He tells us that workers want to buy the goods and services their labour produces which leads them to demand higher in-comes which in turn effects profits and therefore leads to con-flict. The argument is not clear

may throw some light.

If, ignoring for the sake of simplicity all the messy complications such as government expenditure and raxation, population growth, international terms of trade, the labour force were producing say 3 per cent more goods and services each year and demanding increases in incomes of 3 per cent per year, presumably there would be no problem for capitalism or profits.

demanding a 20 per cent rise in incomes each year while pro-

Sir, Mr Brode of Croner Publi-

cations comments (letters, January 17) on my letter to Mr Fairlie, chairman of the Mail

Users Association, about the way the Post Office has com-

municated news of the postal

price increases due on February

As Mr Brode is, like Mr Fairlie, a member of the execu-tive of the Mail Users Associa-

tion. I am surprised that he has not been able to keep in touch

increases since his association, on behalf of its members,

received copies of three press statements by the Post Office

statements by the Post Office on this subject. The first, dated November 1, announced our intentions; the second, dated December 18, gave our comments on the report of the Post Office Users National Council; and the third, dated December 20, confirmed final plans and dates, on which I have already

dates, on which I have already

commented. By keeping his association informed of these developments our aim was to

give service to their members and those of other groups

representing customer interests.

Post Office should expect no

plaudits for doing its job at Christmas. I was not seeking plaudits but a recognition of the fact that, on the whole, the

massive job was completed successfully despire bombs, bad

weather, industrial relations

difficulties and other problems. London EC1 We are entitled to expect January 22.

Mr Brode states that the

then no doubt problems would arise; but so they would in any economic system.

that in a communist system the labour force would not be allowed to demand or get an increase in incomes of 20 per cent per annum when production was rising by, say, only 3
per cent: indeed, in order to
ensure that state enterprises
were adding to their real capital equipment at the socially determined rate, the labour force would probably get less mban 3 per cent. I appreciate that even in these circumstances the com-

munist system would not be plagued by strikes, although the nature of the system which ensures that this is so may not appeal to all British workers or their leaders. Moreover, despite success in avoiding conflict in Mr Heffer's sense (although appearently not other forms of

Mr Brode also says that no

briefing about our pleas to suprove efficiency and relia-

bility have been given to user associations. Not so: details of

associations, Nor so: details of these plans have been given to and discussed with the Post Office Users National Council. A background briefing was given to the chairman of Mr Brode's association at the time

of our public statement (Nov-ember 1) and there have been

opportunities at meetings which his association subsequently had

with the Post Office for further

Mr Brode further says that

no statements of any worth about our plans have been issued and no objectives have

been stated. Not so: we have given details of the plans in our

public statements including, for

example, the objective of saving flom this financial year without damaging the quality of service given to customers.

The need to improve produc-tivity has been fully recognized

by us and the management of the Postal Business is on

record as saying that produc-

tivity must be improved. This

determinedly seeking to do in the plans which he says he has

Senior Director, Postal Services.

But if the labour force were

Of course, I quite understand

PO made its plans known

From the Senior Director, Post criticism to be fair and not

conflict) there is plenty of communist system cannot match the capitalist system in producing the goods and services the labour force wants and

raising its real standard of living thereby.

Of course, regretfully, I have to omit the United Kingdom from this latter generaliza-tion; but this may be because some trade union leaders, impressed by Mr Heffer's eco-nomic analysis, are not willing to allow British capitalism to

able that the United Kin suffers less from the labour force getting too little income to buy the goods and services available than from too low a rate of profit on capital and too little investment which restricts the supply of goods. MAYNARD,

Reading, Berkshire

Lloyds and

the national interest

From Lord Orr-Ewing Sir There must be many others among the 18,000 or so "names" at Lloyd's who feel as alarmed as I do at the pros-pect of C. T. Bowring being acquired by a United States company. We "names" have put all our assets behind the judgment of the management of our individual syndicates. We did it because we trusted them implicitly; we could not feel the same, however, if ultimate control was transferred over-

It is on grounds of public interest that I principally want to object. It cannot be in Britain's interest to let one of the largest insurance brokers go under foreign domination. It is clear that the domino effect would follow, since several other United States companies are awaiting their chance.

My concern is based on the fact that Lloyd's continue to contribute a very large slice of this country's invisible earnings This consistent contribution be engineering and other exports meet increasing difficulties and will be still more so when our North Sea oil output passes its

France would not dream of allowing such a thing to happen: Yours faithfully, IAN ORR-EWING,

Complexity of 'bargain offers' order

not been briefed on.

St Martin's le Grand,

London EC1A 1HQ.

Yours faithfully,

D. HENRY,

Post Office,

with the one who is quoted as saying "... we have been lum-bered with enforcing something perform services at the price or

nobody understands."

The Department of Trade clearly recognizes the difficulties involved, and has issued notes of guidance which "are intended to assist enforcement officers on the application of the provisions of the order". National Chamber of Trade in turn, reproduced those. notes in an attempt to clarify the situation for its mem-bers . . who are not only ex-pected to understand the law but risk fines up to £1,000 (unlimited fines if convicted on

indictment) if they break it. The notes will not, however, do much for traders who are correct".

not skilled in interpretation of Where

perform services at the price or charge in question. Where an agreement to sell the goods or provide the services is relied on it is not sufficient that an indication of willingness to sell at the price has been indicated or that an offer for sale has been made at that price; there two parties for a sale, at the price, or for provision of services, at the charge in question."

complex and even when we have studied it we cannot be certain that our interpretation is

not skilled in interpretation of Where does that leave the Enterprise House, "departmentalese". They run trader? Whose interpretation Henley on Thames, to 12 typed pages, and the folcan he rely upon? Should we Oxon.

From Mr L. Seeney

Sir, Nobody who is subject to
the provisions of the Price that 'has charged' in articles the notes of guidance?

Marking (Bargain Offers) Order 3(2) (A) (1) and 4(2) (A) (1) Over the past decade, the 1979 will have been surprised to learn that trading officers at which the comparison is country have been subjected to make the trader has either sold so much new law-most of the comparison of the past decade to the comparison is country have been subjected to make the trader has either sold so much new law-most of the past decade to the past decade, the comparison is country have been subjected to make the trader has either sold so much new law-most of view it with concern (January made the trader has either sold so much new law-most of is or performed services at which is as difficult to interpret the price or charge in question as this particular order—that even professional enforcement officers find it impossible to keep up with it all.

At a time when everybody is trying to cut down on counterproductive activities and unnecessary paper work, would it not be a good idea to take a long, hard look at this sort of over-government? Small busimust be agreement between the ness in particular would be grateful for a Government policy with regard to new law " not unless it is really neces-Another trading standards sary—and only then if it can be officer is quoted in your report understood by those liable to be penalized if they fail to operate within it". LESLIE SEENEY, Director General. National Chamber of Trade.

Subsidies as part of the steel sum

From Mr Martin Upham Sir, Mr P. J. B. Steele (The Sir, May another retired BSC Times Business News, January executive make a contribution 22) appears not to have grasped what the steel unions are saying little less adversely critical about subsidies. It is the total impact of those on the world steel industry which concerns

To Mr Steele's evaluation of German taxpayer support via steel (£257.1m) would have to be added the impact of subsi-dies to rail freight transport, not only in Germany but elsewhere. Allowance must also be made for government assistance in many European countries to in many European countries to steel companies on a straight financial basis. In Germany, this aid operates both at the federal and Länder level. In France, Sacilor has had debt written off and the rate of interest massively reduced. There is government involvement in finance in Belgium and Italy.

As for BSC's cash limits, it As for BSC's cash filmits, it is true they are currently £700m. Next year they will be £450m. After that they seem likely to disappear. Yet BSC will still be paying for its own research and development, a function financed by the govern function financed by the government in Germany.

It is very difficult to quantify and therefore to compare all this assistance. It is quite clear, this assistance. It is quite clear, however, that an accurate evaluation would have to be broad in its scope and embrace not only favourable but unfavourable government interference, such as that on prices which cost BSC £750m in the first eight years of nationalization.

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From Mr R. J. Bavister

little less adversely critical

than has been the habit. It is

on the question of producti-

This is a subject fraught with difficulties not to say pit-employees. It is this that falls, into which your Indus-causes the excessively long tail trial Editor seems to have succeeded in projecting himself in his article (January 8) compar-ing BSC productivity with Japanese. One principal difficulty is comparing like with reasonable like and this he has singularly failed to do, since he has compared two individual Nippon Steel plants with BSC

The employment of labour in relation to liquid steel output is the crudest of all yard-sticks since it begs so many questions. For instance:

as a whole.

1. What is the product range of each plant? 2. What is the actual produc-

tion programme within the product range in each case? 3. To what extent are production operations, maintenance, services and other ancillary operations put out to contract?

Moreover, it is well known that the Japanese labour statis-tics rarely, if ever, include all the employees of a company, since they customarily only cover what are called permanent employees. These retire at a comparatively early age, 55 I think, but continue to work for the employer as daily contract workers who can be dispensed with immediately labour requirements diminish. In addition, of course, many operations carried out by BSC's permanent employees contractors in its competitors'

works.
In BSC's case, union pressure over the years has resulted in what is in effect a "no contractors" rule, where by virtually all work within a plant, unless reflecting an infrequent, irregular, or highly specialized requirement, must be carried out by permanent of maintenance, services, and ancillary workmen and staff in BSC plants compared with its competitors.

For it can be demonstrated that, in many instances, on production operations where the product and production programme are similar to the Japanese plant, BSC's productivity on the production line does not suffer unduly by comparison. It is quite another matter, however, when unnecessary maintenance workers are added. Unnecessary because so much of what they do could just an arrell he date. because so much of what they do could just as well be done by the production operative were he willing or allowed to do so instead of sitting or standing beside his idle machine waiting for the maintenance man to arrive and then to do what is needed. None of this denies that the overall productivity of the BSC is dismal but it is not as bad as the figures chosen by your Industrial Editor, who really should know better, endeavour to make out. The BSC is not alone in having an excessively long administrative tail and no doubt much of its length can

trade union pressure or to its acceptance of the principle of charity beginning at home when work is to be handed Yours truly,

be ascribed at least in part, to managerial weakness in face of

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Decca's scope for argument

talks between Racal and Decca as yet, but there is evidence that when Racal discloses its takeover terms—perhaps today—it will have had to pay more than it seemed to be indicating last week. The argument of course will be about Decca's hidden worth and the recovery potential in its capital goods business now that action has and is being taken to shed or alleviate the heavy losses on the consumer products side of the group.
As a result of the trauma on the consumer side—music and television manufacturing—during the past couple of years, Decca's borrowings have probably risen to around £60m which suggests gearing of about 100 per cent. For a company continuing to sustain large losses that is obviously unacceptable. But the deal to sell most of its music interests to PolyGram, which could yield Decca some £20m net of redundancy costs over three years, and £15m of it next year, demonstrates the sort of cash Decca is capable of stripping out of its

historically-valued assets.

The music catalogue, for example, for which PolyGram could pay as much as 191m, had a book worth of virtually nil. Decca has other unrealized riches in its locker; indeed it is possible making several wide assumptions—specifically about the value of the television manufacturing business after stripping out stocks, and the real possibility of a successful £18m patent claim in the US which is now at the appeal stage to construct a case for saying it could wipe out most of its borrowings over the next 12 months. That assumes losses are stemmed in television, possibly by its sale, and that the capital goods business performs at least as well as it did in the first half of the year.

There is a case, therefore, albeit slim, for Decca arguing that it could continue on its own—though it may not get much support from its large institutional holders the Prudential and Kuwait Investmentunless it introduces impressive younger managers onto its board.

That possibility aside, Deoca is well capable of negotiating a higher price out of Racal—perhaps another £10m to £15m above the £60m which the market seemed to think Racal wanted to pay when the approach became public last week.

Racal will probably go along with this. Having made its move it badly wants a clean agreed deal with the Decca board. A bid over the head of Sir Edward Lewis, who could probably count on the support of 25 per cent of the voting stock, would be risky and untypical of Racal. It learnt its lesson about contested bids three years ago when it went unsuccessfully into the middle of a bid battle for Ultra and had to pay more than it wanted to for Milgo in the US.

Tobaccos

Benefits of cash flow

The three shares that make up the FTActuaries Tobacco share index are currently selling on an average yield of almost 10.5 per cent-which makes this the third lowest rated sector in the United Kingdom market. By implication the outlook for engineering companies is only marginally better than that for textiles (which are selling on an average yield of 12.5 per cent), and rather worse than the for the engineers (which are selling on single figure yields). But is this true?

It is almost certainly true that longer-term this is an industry with problems. Largely because of the health scares, consumption in the United Kingdom is falling already; and while the company mend is evident in both the United States and the developing countries, this is partly because of domeeraphic factors: the rate of increase difference to slow as the rate of population growth levels off.

However, if the tobacco business is dying, it is taking a long time about it—quite probably longer than other United Kingdom industries similarly afflicted with what look like terminal maladies: textiles, basic engineering, household goods. And there is another difference between them : tobacco companies, though advancing into a doubtful future, are generating a lot of cash in the process; the rest are not. The cash comes

n useful on two counts. In the first place it enables the tobacco companies to carry on paying dividends. Not

There is no suggestion of a hirch in the only do all three of the majors (BATs, Imps and Rothmans) have a reasonable record of dividend growth: the signs are that future

> In the second place, the cash enables them to diversify. It has to be said that neither BATs nor Imps, which have made a point of this, has shown any talent for picking non-stop winners; but from the point of view of shareholders, a stake in a heavily cyclical industry (like paper on the one hand, poultry on the other) is presumably preferable to a stake in an industry which is quietly dying on its feet.

dividends will be covered in the case of all

three, even on a current cost accounting

On these grounds the shares are almost certainly undervalued. Whether they will move relative to the rest of the market must, however, be doubtful ahead of the Budget. Imps' shares are, of course, overhung by the prospect of higher tobacco tax; those of BATs, more unfairly, by its past role as a sterling hedge. Now that investors have freedom to put their money where they like, this share should be valued on its underlying merits: but for the moment it is blighted by the strength of sterling.

Mr Richard Petherbridge, senior managing director of Union Discount. yesterday announced a rise in net profits for 1979, from £1.8m to £2.1m, and an increase in the full year dividend from 26.35p to 28.6p a share. The Union results stand in strong contrast to those reported on Monday by Alexanders, which reported

Union, it seems, coped much better than Alexanders with the three-point rise in MLR in November. It had considerably lengthened the maturity of its book during August-September, but from then on shortened it very substantially in the expectation that interest rates were more likely to rise than fall during the autumn.

The board is cautiously optimistic on prospects for the current year but is certainly taking nothing on trust at this stage. The gilt market in general, however, appears to be very volatile in its thoughts on how much to take on trust at the moment. The tap" was probably little more than half subscribed vesterday, yet the signs last night were that the mood might be right this morning for the remains of the stock to be run out quite quickly.

Henlys :

Waiting for new models

Like Heron Motors, which revealed a 42 per cent interim profits fall earlier this month, Henlys is currently having to pay a pretty price for its loyalty to Leyland. Full-year profits have slumped almost a

quarter to £4.3m and the current year has got off to a bad start with Henlys and its competitors cutting margins in a bid to dig

Over-production of Rovers and the consequent increase in distributors' stock levels provided the main upward twist to interest charges which almost doubled to £1.8m last

Although Henlys claims to have cut its reliance on BL from two-thirds to around 65 has its greatest per cent through diversification last year. the group is clearly going to be locked into the British car industry's problems as it tries to reverse the decline in market share. Industry estimates are currently for a drop in from 1.7 to 1.45m with Leyland's share likely to drop at least a couple of points to

Hopes are pinned on a re-vamped Marina due in the summer: the Mini-Metro scheduled for October and, hooking further shead, the BL link-up with Honds. But what-ever the customer response it will be too late to prevent profits dipping perhaps as low as £3m next time.

With the market fearing worse, Henlys share rose 3p to 95p where, after a maintained payment, a yield of 13.4 per cent gives obvious income attractions. A similar payment next time, however, would only just be covered once by fully-taxed earnings. Meanwhile asset-backing of over £2 a share lends further support though bid hopes in the wake of the Dutton Forshaw

Medium-term plan: a political choice

Treasury ministers should stop agonizing over whether or not a medium-term financial plan should be an important plank in their overall Budget strategy this year.

Probably, they should seal the Probably, they should seal the plan in an envelope and leave into single figures. it to gather dust on a Treasury shelf. If they succeed in keeping pace with the plan over the next three years or so, they will probably win the next election.

The probably they shows? If not, who knows?

That may seem an odd line to take; and it may seem yet odder when I add that on balance I would prefer to see a plan published. But if the debare contract on the religious debate centres on the political risks of liming oneself up behind a highly speculative medium-term plan versus the need to bolster financial con-fidence in the face of a poten-tially risky 1980-81 financial plan, then there is no contest.

Financial markets, it is true, may be slightly disappointed if the plan fails to see the light of day; but it is hardly likely to affect their subsequent behaviour to any great extent. Investors have already given

expression to their views of medium-term prospects by creating a yield structure in which long-term interest rates are sharply lower than short-term

What matters to them now is not that the Government should attempt to reaffirm hopes that they have already discounted, but that its short-term policy should be credible in the light f those hopes.

That said, it scarcely seems appropriate that a journalist should discourage the government from fashioning for itself such a magnificently barbed back as a medium serm financial book as a medium-term financial plan. More seriously, though, a strong case can be made for urging the Chancellor not to back down from the concept of such a plan.

All this is made possible, of course, by the fact that the Treasury, spurred on by the present Government, has recently put a great effort into building up its financial fore-casting capability.

That does not mean that economic policy decisions will flow directly from financial forecasting in future. Rather, it means, first, that the financial implications of any particular policy option can be better assessed and, secondly, that it should be possible to draw up a realistic path for the develop-ment of monetary policy over

From this a number of things follow. First, there is no obvious reason why such a plan should not be regarded as a proper subject of public information and debate, just as public spending plans are and one day. hopefully, revenue plans 100

It is possible to argue that the government

tests yet to come

Second, and here we probably move to the nub of the case, a medium-term financial plan could provide a discipline view that emerged during the days of the last government, when trust was not only less great but when there was indeed a certain amount of backsliding.

Certainly, no one is likely to award the present government anything less than full marks for its commitment so far to disinflation.

But deep-seated though confidence in the Government's medium-term commitment may now be, it is perfectly possible hopes in the wake of the Dutton Forshaw to argue that the Government and Wadham Stringer takeovers could be still has its greatest tests to

A third reason put forward

here may be a valid one. As I have explained, however, I doubt that a medium-term financial plan would achieve what ministers might be expect-ing of it in the present circum-

or at some later stage, rests on two main grounds. The first is quite obviously the argument of political self-interest; a medium term financial plan could prove an extremely pain-ful straightjacker. It is an argu-ment on which one needs to waste no further time.

More serious is the argument that medium-term financial forecasting is not, and is perhaps never likely to be, sufficiently precise or reliable to make a medium-term financial plan a credible policy instru-

That a plan should be chiefly for the benefit of the financial markets

In that this would mean that financial markets would take precious little notice of the plan, the object of the exer-cise would be self-defeating, More damaging even than that, however, would be the possi-bility of totally discrediting the concept of monetarism in the public eye.

If, on the other hand, the Treasury is convinced that a plan can be considered realistic, then I would add two further reasons for suggesting th atsuch a plan should be pub-lished.

money, as achieved inrough sensible monerary policy, is to remain the prime economic objective in future, then there is a strong case for setting a scenario - through having rolling medium-term financial plan—that not only imposes relatively short-term discipline on the government in power but which also leaves some form of constraint on any new government that comes into office.

that monetary policy will suc-ceed in due time. But once it is seen to succeed any new government will find it difficult to consider new policy options other than against the medium-term financial plan that it

importance of general education and debate. That a medium-term monetary plan should be for the consumption primarily of financial markets is miscon-

policy of rather painful gradual-IIII. The somet the IERRICE of what can am cannot be active of in a period of disinflation are debated in a context that pro-vides at least some of the hard figures, the sconer, one should

Certainly, the prospect of concentrating all our energies on disinflation alone over the mext three or four years is not an attractive one. There are too many other important econ-omic issues that need to be dealt with.

Economic notebook

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The first will come this year as the recession starts to be come uncomfortable. second will come at a later stage when the rate of price inflation starts to head back

for publishing a medium-term plan takes me back to where I came in-namely to financial

Generally speaking, the case

The case against publishing a medium-term financial plan either with the present Budget

is a misconception

The first is that if sound

That does, of course, assume

At the moment monetary policy looks likely to be a policy of rather painful gradualhope, the policy can start to bear fruit.

John Whitmore

Business Diary: Burmah days • BSC loses jobfinder

Sir Alasteir Down has more reason than most company chairman to look back on the last five years with a stale of deserved satisfaction. Many men were put in to rescue the victims of the combined onslaughts of the oil and financial crises of 1973/74, but few succeeded. Sir Alastair is one of the faw one of the few.

He was 61, an age when he could reasonably have expected a quiet retirement when he left tish Petroleum to bring back Burmah Oil from disaster. The near collapse of Burmah,

sibilities, while remaining as a part-time charman, at the end of February, having coaxed the company back to the dividend lists, and in the words of his successor as the chief executive, 58-year-old Stanley J. Wilson, to a position where growth would continue. which brought the Bank of England in to buy the group's bolding in BP at knockout prices, marked the nadir of the fortunes of the stock market. Wilson, who takes over the key role of chairman of the operating company, Burmah Oil Trading, was recruited from Mobil only months after Sir Alastair took over as chairman. For the next two years Burmah could only be at best counted among the walking While Sir Alastair has kept the

wounded. Its future as an independent company was con-tinuously in doubt. Had it been in a position to hang on to its holding in BP, its assets would have been worth having, but group afloat.

For the past couple of years, since Sir Alastair gave up the position of chairman of the management committee, Wilson has, in effect, been in full executive charge.

group together at home, Wilson

shot around the world negoniating sales of assets to keep the

retrieve them were poor com-pensation for the assets them-

The shares until the last 12

months, were for gamblers only,

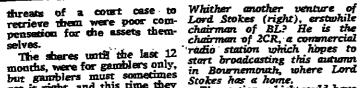
but gamblers must sometimes get it right, and this time they have.

Sir Alastair formally relin-quishes his executive respon-sibilities, while remaining as a

selves.

The effort of his manage-ment team will be concentrated on the tanker side which accounts for around a third of the business.

The court case over the BP shares is likely to go ahead next year, but for the future, Wilson believes that the company has at last been able to pany has at last been able to including new depths of municles build up management in Plumbing new depths of municles depth, and it is that which understatement yesterday BSC change is noted: "It is considered essen of work. provides the springboard.



Stokes has a home.

The station, which could have an audience of up to 600,000, has already lost one managing director and is said to be having difficulty in finding a replace-Lord Stokes, however, pooh-

poohed reports of problems when Business Diary spoke to him at the London headquarters of BL (he remains honorary president).
"We have had literally hun-

dreds and hundreds of appli-cents for every job we have advertised: We had one managing director who changed his mind for personal reasons. There is no desperate hurry to find another one", he said.

● As if finding a successor for the hapless Sir Charles Villiers, chairman of the British Steel Corporation (whose contract runs out in September), is not bad enough, the headhunters now have to replace Paddy Navlor, chief executive of BSC (Industry) the corporation's job creation subsidiary.

50,000 steelworkers which the corporation wants to axe over the next nine months. Naylor leaves in June at the end of a three-year contract.



All of 2CR's shareholders have Bournemouth connexions and holdings are limited to £24,000. Stakes have been taken up by interests as diverse as the entertainer Max Bygraves and the local branch of the General and Municipal Workers' Union.

tial that the company's work in offsetting the effects of closures and major redundancies must continue for several more years than was anticipated ". Naylor, previously a director of Bovis and Furness Withy, masterminded the corporation's creation of 3,000 promised

It will not be easy, but it offers a challenging prospect. Whoever lands the job will be required to belp find jobs for 50,000 steelworkers which new jobs between March, 1978, (unpublished) beneath his belt, Naylor is going to do his own thing. He is forming a consul-tancy, Job Greation, which will sell itself to companies or communities wherever industrial change is throwing people out

Derbyshire is an unlikely base for a shipping firm, let alone one called the Tiranic Steamship Company. That is where Titanic lives, however, and managing director Mark Banford tells Business Diary that they are looking for a that they are looking for a general cargo ship to star in a forthcoming American film. The price, according to brokers, is likely to be between £250,000 But the company does not in-tend to live up to its name. The

vessel will be filmed, not sunk, then re-sold. Titanic, which is eight years old, acquired its ineight years old, acquired its interests in the salvage of
wrecks; it owns the rights to
the Brittannic, the Titanic's
sister, and one day the company
hopes to recover some salvage
from her resting place 70 miles
off Athens, where she was
sunk by the Germans in 1916.
Titanic's main business lies in
shipping supplies and does not
seem to be affected by its seem to be affected by its rather strange choice of trading name. But it has had some ex-perience of film work—last year it produced scale models for a film called SOS Titonic on the great ship's sinking. There seems to be something of a spate of movies on the subject. The raising of the Titanic is at present being filmed at Piracus, the shipping suburb of Atliens.

I thought I had come across every conceivable shortcoming in a motor car in my time, but yesterday I found one new to me. An oldish MG sports car I saw had trim on its side proclaiming it to be a " Migdet ".

Ross Davies

The French motor group which took over Chrysler's European holdings needs to strengthen its commercial vehicle operations. Clifford Webb reports



Mr George Turnbull, chairman of Talbot: backed to the hilt Peugeot-Citroen: plans for expansion.

Why Peugeot-Citroen is wooing the Dutch

PSA Peugeot-Citroen, the French motor group which acquired Chrysler's European operation 16 months ago, is moving with surprising speed to close the last gap in its product range and become an important force in the world's motor industry.

The group's week link is com-

The group's weak link is commercial vehicles, a sector of the market which rivals like Mercedes Benz, Fiat and Volvo cedes Benz, Fiat and Voivo have shown to be much more profitable than cars. Until Peugeot acquired Chrysler's commercial vehicle plants in Britain and Spain it was only represented in the van market and then only with a very French—and therefore limited appeal—range of vans.

Overnight, Chrysler gave it contenders over the whole com-mercial vehicle range from 3.5 tons gross vehicle weight to well in excess of the British limit of 32 tons. But all their trucks over 24 tons were manufactured by Chrysler's Barreiros subsidiary in Spain and are not suitable for more advanced European transport

Daf plants

Reliable sources now say that Reliable sources now say that Peugeot will substantially increase its heavy truck capability, starting with an announcement next month that it is to join forces with Daf Trucks, Holland. Daf, which is jointly owned by the Van Doorne family (42 per cent) International Harvester, United States (331 per cent) and Dutch States (33½ per cent) and Dutch State Mines (25 per cent) almost exclusively produces peavy trucks; last year 15,000 were made.
At its Eindhoven, Holland,

and Oevel, Belgium planes, Daf manufactures its own engines, par manufactures its own engines, gear boxes, axles and cabs. The form the deal will take is not clear at present. Official comment has talked of cooperation in component manufacture and mutual assistance. But there is increasing speculation that International Harvester is not happy with Dar's performance and could sell its shares to the French.

Whatever happens, it is already apparent that M Jean-Paul Parayre, PSA's chairman, intends to use the former Chrysler commercial operations now renamed Dodge Trucks, Europe as the corporations of the next stage in the restrucning of Europe's commercial vehicle industry.

The giants, like Mercedes

Benz and Iveco, the Fist-led connortium, have stready drawn

their battle lines across Europe. The result is that smaller competitors such as Leyland Vehicles, Scattla (Sweden) and Man (Germany) are looking for safe havens in joint deals which stop short of complete amal-

On paper, at least, Renault, the state owned French group, has the ability to become a dominant force in commercial vehicles through its Saviem and Berliet subsidiories. But in fact, it has ruo into great trouble in integrating Berliet which it acquired from Citroen when that company went to Peugeot. No one doubts that in the long run Remault will sort it out. In the meantime, however, it has more than enough trouble on its hands without seeking, further involvement in this

part of the market.
A problem which PSA will soon have to tackle is the long term name for its mushrooming commercial vehicle operaing commercial venicle opera-tions. It was given permission by Chrysler US to use the Dodge brand name throughout Europe. It is well known and long established in Britain where many still think of it as an exclusively British product.

On the Continent, however, it has e very American image. pronounced In any event, there is reason believe that Chrysler US set limitations on the time the Dodge name could be used. Dodge UK is at present part of Taibot UK, the renamed Chrysler operation here, which is headed by Mr George Turnbuil, the former Bransh Ley-

land executive. But there is hirle integration between Talbot's three car plants— Ryton and Stoke, near Coventry, and Linwood, Renfrewshire and the commercial vehicle factories at Dunstable and Luton. The two operations could quite easily go their separate ways. Such a move is reported to be under considera-

makes good economic

sense for the two United King-dom commercial vehicle plants to come under the umbrella of PSA's growing truck empire. Cars and trucks are frequently humped together under the all-embracing title of "the motor industry" but they are in fact poles apart. Trucks, in particu-

has shown his strike-prone car workers that he is not prepared to concede an inch to the bullying tactics which forced the former owners to make punitive concessions time and time again.

PSA backed him to the hilt when he refused to increase his 5 per cent wage offer throughout a three-month long strike last summer. But the French factories of Talbot are now seriously underemployed. They already manufacture the Alpine and Horizon sold in Britain and provide Alpine kits for assembly at Ryton. Any new models scheduled for Britain could be switched to the big Poissy

Workforce

Against this precarious background it seems obvious that PSA will only continue support-ing a loss-making British cars operation if there are positive improvements by a cooperative workforce. And hiving off cars would enable PSA to axe them without dragging down trucks. The commercial vehicle com-

ne commercia venicie complex at Luton and Dunstable employs only 2,900 people. The assembly plant at Dunstable is in the fittal stages of a modernization and reorganization programme. It includes a \$4.5m paint shop which is the first of its type for trucks in

Dodge UK has the capacity, on single shift working, to build around 25,000 vans and trucks a year from 3.5 tous to 24 tons GVW. Last year it produced about 10,000. In the past four years it has more than doubled its United Kingdom market share from 4 per cent to around 9 per cent and is forecasting over 12 per cent this year despite predictions that the overall British market will drop by at least 11 per

recovery programme is the Commando range of mediumlight heavy trucks launched in 1974. It had a poor start in life. Soon after it appeared the British Government had to rescue Chrysler. Many dealers

But Commando is lar, require a very specialized thought of in the trade and approach to both manufacture and marketing. There is another reason and (3.5 to 7.3 tons GVW) replaceone that no one wants to talk ment for the old Walkthru and about. Tathor United King-dom's operations are still bosing money and their future market.

S Africa's cautious line on gold revenues

will be causing as much puzzlement in South Africa, the government brought back overall tax burden. In other words, main beneficiary of higher mainly it is believed, in Switzerprices for the metal, as in the rest of the world. On the one hand, it stands to gain enormously from increased revenue to the exchequier and a positive property of the prope mously from increased revenue to the exchequer and a positive balance of payments; on the other, mammiacturers are worried about the possible effect of a strong rand on exports and that there may be pressure from black workers for big pay increases. The government also faces awkward decisions over what to do with its budget surplus.

budget surplus. The Republic's fiscal policy has generally been conservative and this instinct has been reinforced after the overspending which took place the last time gold prices rose, in the mid-1970s. This is now recognized to have been a mistake. Since then the country has been struggling to escape from in-flation and a balance of payments deficit generated by over-optimistic assumptions about revenue from gold. Both government and businessmen are very anxious to avoid re-

peating the error. The balance of payments moved slightly into surplus in moved stightly into surplus in 1978 after three years of persistent deficit and last year trebled to an estimated 1,800m rand (£1,000m); Foreign earnings from gold came to about R6,500m, ample to meet South Africa's purchases of oil and weapons, its two main strategic requirements. This is approaching four times the earnings in 1978.

The dramatic impact of these gold earnings on the Repub-lic's finances can be gauged from exchequer receipts from the mines, the most lucrative of which are now paying marginal tax rates of more than 70 per cent. For the first raine months of last year revenue was R1,084m, of which R462 was contributed in the third quarter. But total revenue for the year is put at about R1,800m after likely receipts

the final quarter.

These high revenues have been used for two immediate purposes.

Foreign debts amounting to R3,000m in 1977 and R1,109m at the end of 1979, have more or less been liqui-

Gold's switchback fluctuations dated. Also in the past quarter not necessarily lead to a lower gold deposited in Europe In other words, the extent mainly it is believed, in Switzer to which the government can

The second use for the extra revenue has been to augment the government's own reserves.

The increased gold price has, of course, automatically revalued gold reserves, but it is seen an average gold price double that of 1979.

If a big rise in reserves is unavoidable two further problems follow. One is a revaluation of the rand, chiefly against revenue has been to augment the government's own reserves. The increased gold price has, of course, automatically re-valued gold reserves, but it is unlikely that the government would realize this asset, par-ticularly as it has plenty of cash. Public debate on spend-ing the money is extensive, one popular suggestion being that

popular suggestion being that another Sasol (oil from coal) plant could be built. Heavy capital spending of a strategic kind is possible, not least because of nervousness about dependence on oil im-ports—partly diminished by large stocks—and the outcome of the Rhodesian elections. But the government was seduced by the same argument five years ago and the result was a sizable budget deficit as the gold price fell and inflation started to run ar more than 10 per cent. Similar difficulties stand in

the way of a third use for the extra funds—cutting taxes. The budget is due in March, but so far Senator Owen Horwood, the finance minister, has refused to commit himself on whether his speech will recommend reductions in personal taxes, but a reduction from the present top marginal rate of 60 per cent is privately mooted. What con-cerns Pretoria here is the risk of sparking off a consumer boom, with its consequent im-pact on inflation—now falling below 10 per cent—and on the balance of payments.

Few people expect that reductions in personal tax will be significant, though if the price of gold continues to be favourable during the year the all these mazes. It will welcome way could be opened for a South Africa's enhanced creditfavourable during the year the relaxation next year. But a worminess, though for the rationalization of gold mines moment there seems little need taxes is on the cards. At present, mines can be assessed at different rates depending on the age of their leases and shafts and the mine plans, which have to be authorized by the government. Nevertheless, a rationalization of the undoubtedly complicated present

land—as collateral for loans. run down its reserves and The bargain price paid for this possible budget surplus is gold was \$140 an ounce.

the dollar. South Africa is becoming an industrial exporter of some importance, not just to neighbouring countries on the Continent but to other parts of the world as well, with Latin of the world as well, with Latin America a growing market. South African industrialists are concerned that a strong rand could offset the advantages they enjoy from a ready supply of fairly cheap labour.

A second problem is prodominantly political. High mine profits combined with bigger treasury reserves may provoke

treasury reserves may provoke demands from black workers for large wage increases and better conditions. The gold mines expect wage demands this year of 20 per cent, if not

To some extent wages may well be pushed up by Anglo-American, whose chairman, Mr Harry Oppenheimer, is an advocate of improved standards for black workers as a way of

sverting social conflict.
Sources in the Johannesburg stock exchange suggest that gold prices, coupled with record diamond sales in recent years, could be seen to be suggested. could have given Anglo cash and near cash reserves of R3,000m. If the company was to spend part of this huge sum on its black labour force the repercussions for other mines and the rest of South African

industry could be large indeed. The government will have to thread its way carefully through to borrow. But experience will dictate caution on personal and company taxation and on capital spending by the state. The most prices is that Pretoria will sit on its accumulated reserves

until the dust settles. Michael Prest



Legal Aid Fund not to pay costs of counterclaim

Before Lord Justice Buckley and Lord Justice Donaldson

Lord Justice Donaidson

A trial judge has a wide discretion in deciding what order as to costs should be made interpartes, but as between a plaintiff and the Legal Aid Fund, which was made pursuant to a statutory power under section 13(1) of the Legal Aid Act, 1974, and not in the exercise of the inherent jurisdiction of the court; and where costs due to a statutory the defendants. It was a hollow victory. The three-year life of the second management contract had already expired and the Mardistar contract was a due to expire should be and the Mardistar contract was a due to expire should be as a success and atternative counterclaim for remuneration on the basis of a quantum merbit. The bearing began in March, 1979, but after two adjournments, the dispute was settled. The plain-riffs withdrew their allegations of first of the settlement amounted to a total surrender by the defendants. It was a hollow victory. The three-year life of the second management contract had already expired to a total surrender by the defendants. It was a hollow victory. The three-year life of the second management contract had already expired to a total surrender by the defendants. It was a hollow victory. The three-year life of the second management contract had already expired to a total surrender by the defendants. It was a hollow victory. The three-year life of the second management and the march that are the particular to the parti tion of the court; and where costs claimed by an umassisted person against the fund are in respect of a counterclaim the order should not include any part of the plaintiff's costs of the claim.

The Court of Appeal, delivering reserved judgments, allowed an appeal by the Law Society against an order of Mr Justice Brownean order of Mr Justice Browne-Wilkinson that the costs of the plaintiffs. Mr Alan Millican and Mr Thomas Nesbitt, of and in-curred in connexion with the counterclaim of the defendants, Mr Leonard William Jesse Tucker, Mardistar Ltd and Mr James Patrick Houliham, should be paid out of the Legal Aid Fund; and that where issues in the proceed-ings between the parties were comngs between the parties were common to the claim and the counter laim, the costs of and attributable to such issues should be apportioned as to one half to the claim and as to the other half to the counterclaim.

Duncan Markeson for the Law Society; Mr William Good-lart, QC, for the plaintiffs. The defendants were not a party to LORD JUSTICE DONALDSON said that the plaintiffs were coal miners and part-time entertainers.

In 1973 they appeared as singers on the television programme "Opportunity Knocks". They were a great success, which did not pass unmoticed. Mr Tocker and Mr Houliban, defendants in the action, decided that they would share in it. They induced the plaintiffs to appoint them as managers for a year. Under that contract the defendants' remuneration was no less than 30 per cent of the plaintiffs' gross receipts. The plantiffs greatly impressed the judge as men of the highest integrity—men whom the judge integrity—men whom the judge said that he admired in every way. Unfortunately—and that was no criticism of them—they lacked all business acumen. That led them not only to accept the original management agreement but also a suggestion from the defendants that that contract should be that that contract should be superseded by another, under which the defendants received 35 per cent of the plaintiffs' gross receipts for a period of three years. Even that did not satisfy the defendants. They negotiated a contract with Pye under which a large sum was paid to them on behalf of the plaintiffs as advance rogalizes.

A company, called Mardistar Ltd. was formed A company, called Mardistar Ltd., was formed, in which the plaintiffs had only a 60 per cent interest, later reduced to a minority interest. The remaining shareholders were Mr Tucker and Mr Houlihan. The plaintiffs were induced to agree that what remained of their gross earnings after paying the 35 per cent management fee would be paid to Mardistar in exchange for a salary Mardistar in exchange for a salary of £10 a week and that that arrangement should continue for

The plaintiffs eventually took legal advice, and as a result they sued Mr Tucker, Mr Houlihan and Mardistar for declarations that the second management contract and the contract with Mardistar had then induced the contract and the contract with Mardistar had been induced by oppression and fraud and were not binding on them. They also claimed an account of all sums received by the defendants in their behalf. Mr Tucker and Mr Houlihan

Mr Tucker and Mr Houlhan obtained legal aid. In April, 1976, they delivered a defence denying all the plaintiffs' allegations. A year later Mr Tucker obtained an extension of his legal aid certificate entitling him to commerciaim against the plaintiffs. The defence was then amended and a counterclaim delivered. By the counterclaim delivered. By the counterclaim delivered. Mr Tucker sought a declaration its part, sought a similar declara-

ment contract had already expired and the Mardistar contract was due to expire shortly. The large sums of money received by the defendants had evaporated. Mardistar was insolvent and the plaintiffs had to accept a judgment against Mr Tucker and Mr Houlitau for no more than £2,000. Against that they had incurred costs amounting to between £6,000 and £7,000, and the defendants being legally aided with nil contributions, no part of those costs could be recovered from them. In addition, the plaintiffs were faced with a claim by Pye for the repayment of £8,000 of advance royalnes, which bad gone to the defendants. As the judge rightly said, it was a very hard case.

In those circumstances the plaintiffs sought an order for costs In those circumstances the plaintiffs sought an order for costs against the Legal Aid Fund under section 13 of the Legal Aid Act, 1974. They were successful The judge ordered the payment by the fund of the plaintiffs' costs of the counterclaim and directed that in taxing those costs, the costs incurred after the date of the counterclaim on issues counter.

counterclaim on issues common to both claim and counterclaim should be divided equally between the costs of the claim and those of the counterclaim. The Legal Aid Fund appealed against that order. Let it be said at once, as the Let It be said at once, as the judge himself said, that there was no criticism of the Law Society for granting legal aid to the defendants. At the stage at which legal aid had to be granted or refused, those concerned did not know the true facts. They had to rely upon what they were told by the defendants.

rely upon what they were told by the defendants.

The making of an order for costs against the Legal Aid Fund at first instance was exceptional because a number of conditions had to be satisfied. One was that it must be just and equitable in all the circumstances that provision for the costs incurred by the unassisted party in the pro-ceedings in which the other party was assisted should be made out of public funds. In the most unfortunate circumstances of the present case it was not contended that it would be other than just and equitable that the plaintiffs' costs should be met out of public

claim and counterclaim be dismissed, or allowed, with costs, the rule of taxation was that the claim should be treated as if it stood alone and the counterclaim should alone and the counterclaim should bear only the amount by which the costs of the proceedings had been increased by it: see Saner v Bilton (1879) 11 ChD 4161, which was approved by the House of Lords in Medway Oil and Storage Co Ltd v Continental Contractors Ltd ([1929] AC 88). In the present case almost the whole of the plamiffs' costs would have been incurred if the claim had stood alone, because the counterclaim did little more than claim declarations which were the mirror image of those claimed by the plaintiffs. While it was true that the counterclaim for remuteration on the basis of quantum meruit did raise a new issue, it was unlikely that it issue, it was unlikely that it involved the plaintiffs in any significant increase in their costs. A simple order that the Legal Aid Fund pay the plaintiffs' costs of the Countercla produce very little benefit.

A trial judge had a wide dis-cretion in deciding what order as to costs should be made inter partes. If the order in the present case had been made inter partes, it would have been well within the judge's discretion. But it was not. It was made between the plaintiffs and the Legal Aid Fund, which was not a party to the pro-ceedings, and it was made pur-suant to a statutory power and not in the exercise of the inherent jurisdiction of the court. The

Mr Shaw, in evidence, said

that as a prank he lit a news-

leave the bus, then heard some-

one shout " fire ". He saw black

Cross-examined by Mr Gil-

bert Gray, QC, for Mr Lee, Mr Shaw said he saw flames

coming from near the seat where Mr Lee was sitting.

a newspaper was set on fire. He got up to leave the bus.

There was a piece of paper burning. "I just threw it out

Mr Gray asked him: "There

has been a suggestion that the newspaper Shaw had lit had

out, and you lit something else,

Mr Lee replied: "That is all

fabrication". He denied shout-

and stuffed it down the cor-

of my way".

ner of the seat ".

ing: "Burn the bus".

Mr Lee said in evidence that

Two men deny damaging a

A man admitted setting fire the upper deck. All 78 apssen-

to a newspaper on a football gers got off safely, some by special bus but told a jury yes-

being damaged, "If I had paper held by a man sitting

thought about it, I would have next to him. The newspaper

expected the bus to be fire fell to the floor and the flames

proof", Barry Shaw said at were stamped out. He got up to

football bus by fire

terday that at the time he

never thought about the bus

Mr Shaw, aged 28, a ware-

Leeds, pleaded not guilty to

damaging a bus by fire, intend-

ing to damage it or being reck-

less as to whether the bus was

of Swarcliffe Parade, Leeds, pleaded not guilty to damaging a bus by fire, intending to damage it, or being reckless as to whether it was damaged, and

intending to endanger the lives

of passengers or being reckless

as to whether lives would be endangered.

Mr Alan Simpson, for the

prosecution, had told the court that a double-deck bus carry-

ing football supporters to the Leeds United-Liverpool match

at Elland Road, Leeds, on September 15 was set on fire on

Arthur Alfred Lee, aged 25,

houseman, of Stanks Drive, smoke.

Leeds Crown Court.

damaged.

judge recognized that distinction

judge recognized that distinction. Section 13(1) of the 1974 Act authorized the court to make an order for the payment to the unassisted party out of the Legal Aid Fund of the whole or any part of the costs incurred by him in those proceedings. Where the assisted person instituted the counterclaim rather than the claim "those proceedings" meant the counterclaim. Mr Justice Browne-Wilkinson, therefore, directed himself that he could only properly order the payment of costs which, on the ordinary meaning of the words, could properly be called costs of the counterclaim and that the section made it clear that, in the context of the present action, the Legal of the present action, the Legal
Aid Fund was not to bear any part
of the costs of the claim by the
plaintiffs.
His Lordship agreed that Saner
v Bilton viewed in isolation might

v Bilton viewed in isolation might be thought to do no more than define what was meant, by the words "costs of the counterclaim" where the counterclaim was allowed or dismissed with costs. However, it was not possible to take so narrow a view of the later cases. For example, Atlas Metal Co v Miller ([1898] 2 QB 500), where Sir Nathamel Lindley, Master of the Rolls, said: "What are costs of a counterclaim? The answer must be the costs occasioned by it. No costs not incurred sioned by it. No costs not incurred

The order under appeal sought by the special direction to include in the costs of the counterclaim costs which were not occasioned costs which were not occasioned by it, but were saved because the issues had already been raised by the claim and defence. That was permissible inner partes because all that the judge was then doing was to make an order that one party should pay part of the costs of both the defence and a claim under the contraand a claim under the counter-claim. Indeed, it might often be right to do so because where, as here, both parties were seeking

here, both parties were seeling inconsistent declarations as to their rights, it might be largely a matter of chance, financial ballast or enthusiasm that determined which party initiated the claim and which the counterclaim.

It was quite clear from Allas Metal and Medway Oil that costs incurred in connexion with the claim could never be appropriated claim could never be appropriated to the counterclaim, either wholly to the counterclaim, either wholly or by apportionment, so as to become part of the costs of the counterclaim. However dealt with by the judge's order, they remained part of the costs of the claim. If costs were incurred in connexion with the claim and further costs were incurred in connexion with the counterclaim, and the parties had aggregated those costs, the judge or the taxing master could divide them on the basis of attributing to the counterclaim the increase in the costs occasioned by the existence of the counterclaim. That was not however, an exercise of judicial

have done themselves In his Lordship's judgment, Mr Justice Browne-Wilkinson had, in-Justice Browne-Wilkinson tead, in-advertently, done precisely what he set out to avoid, namely, order the Legal Aid Fund to pay part of the plaintiffs' costs of the claim. The appeal should be

however, an exercise of judicial discretion; it was merely doing what the parties ought really to

allowed.

LORD JUSTECE BUCKLEY, agreeing with Lord Justice Donaldson's judgment, suggested that consideration should be given, when an appropriate opportunity arose, to amending section 13 to enable the judge to order payment out of the Legal Aid Fund of any or the Legal Am rund of any costs incurred by an massisted person in proceedings against an assisted person would, if he had not been person would, if he had not been assisted have been ordered to pay to the unassisted person by reason of the assisted person having commenced proceedings against the unassisted person, whether such costs were strictly costs of the proceedings so commenced or not.

The appeal was allowed. Leave to appeal to the House of Lords was refused.

The Law Society did not seek an order for costs of the appeal. Solicitors: The Law Society; Bartlett & Gluckstein, Crawley &

Woman admits

From Our Correspondent

An elderly woman has admitted sending poison pen letters to the Hastie family in

Hull about a year before three Hastie children died in

December in a fire started by

an arsonist. A fourth son is still

Det Supt Ronald Sagar, who

poison

York

pen letters

By Alison Mitchell group, however, was the distributor vicing and parts division, while the agricultural machinery first-half downtown by turning in better than expected full-year

Second-half rally so

Motor vehicle Lookers more than made up its

In the 12 months to September 30, 1979, the group made a pre-tax profit of £2m, an increase of £300,000 on the previous year. Turnover rose by a fifth from £57m to £69m. As a result the shares added a penny

Much of the improvement has come from the Manchester group's policy of diversification.

More than half of the trading profit now comes from interests outside of the BL franchises the business. Talbot and International

Harvester account for most of the balance but Lookers does

have some Vauxhall, Peugeot, Fiat, and Mercedes truck depots. Car sales throughout the year were up on the previous period and demand held up strongly throughout.

Lookers makes £2m

also improved its contribution Because the group is traditionally in the small and middle range of cars—it was previously an Austin Morris dealer—it is not feeling the affects of the drop off in car sales as much as some of the other dealers which sell larger makes. However the chairman Mr Reginald Tongue warns that the present low demand for new vehicles will affect profits performance in the current period. So far this

the current period. So far this year new car sales are down by about 15-20 per cent on the same period last year.

During the year Lookers took over Tipton and Morley, agricultural engineers and Toyota dealer for £150,000 in cash. However the new subsidiary has not yet contributed to profits.

For shareholders there is a For shareholders there is 40 per cent rise in the annual dividend with a final of 3.5p gross taking the total to 5.50 where the shares at 49p, yield 11.2 per cent and trade at 2.3 times fully taxed earnings.

James Austin down 38pc

By Rosemary Unsworth Strength of steeding and the engineering strike combined to make a sharp dent in James Austin Steel Holdings' profits during the first half.

Pretax profits fell by 38 per cent to £340,000 in the half year to September 30, 1979 and turn-over remained virtually static at £7m during the same period. But interest received was doubled because of the improved rates and contributed £34,000 to the Dewsbury-based

The sreel division suffered most with heavily reduced profirs as margins on home sales were impossible to maintain, said Mr Edward Firth, chairman. Exports and overseas sales also experienced a major down-turn in profitability because of the rise in strength of sterling. At the same time the engineering division only broke

that that there is a good order book and with reasonable trading conditions up to the year end, a small profit should be

Bur Mr Firsh admisted that because of the steel strike, which is already bitting the group, it was impossible to forecast the outcome for the year. It is clear that the group is not likely to reach last year's £1.1m presax level. However the interim dividend has been maintained at 2.38p gross and the board hopes that the secondresults will show an improvement over those of the

The steel and engineering divisions will be split in April into separate subsidiary com-panies of James Austin Steel Holdings to increase financial

dividend have been reduced to

3) years at October 31 last and

the board expects to clear the

that this is appropriate. Bald-

win's board is confident that the

company's resources are in a much healthier state than at any time in the past 20 years.

Hollywood, January 23.

to compete in the vast video-

gram software market now

opening up, the chairman, Sir

capabilities of EMI Music and

"EMI's recent merger with

Thorn brings new strengths and

greater financial resources to

support EMI Music through the

rather difficult period presently facing the entire record indus-

Great Northern Mining and

Oakridge, two Australian com-

copper, silver and tin are indi-

Queensland.

But the two companies point

panies, have reported significant mineralization

Oueensland

EMI strengthens

Thorn set-up in U S

Stock markets

Buyers come in for gilts

Gold shares continued to dominate the market scene yesterday, as they fluctuated wildly, along with the bullion price, fed by rumours from the international front.

Gilts gave another firm performance in anticipation of a good response to the two new taps" which begin dealing today. Dealers reported some solid buying which progressed as the day wore on inspired by investors who became nervous that they might miss the band-

wagon.
Rises of about £1 were noted in longs but at the shorter end of the market gains were easy start with little confidence about the popularity of the short "tap".

Equities had a fairly neglec-

ted look with interest being supplied on other fronts sithough dealers were able to report very little selling. After a firm start which saw the index rise 3.8 at 10 am equities tended to drift emlessly into reverse to leave the index reverse to leave the index down 1.8 at 3 pm. However, rumours of a settlement in the steel dispute, which were firmly denied, saw buyers enter the market again with some keen institutional interest which lifted the FT Index to finish 1.0 up at 450.8.

A combination of rumours

and profit taking saw gold shares move easier shortly after dealings resumed. Reports that the Shah of Iran had been placed under house arrest by his Panamanian hosts on the island of Contadora, prompted a sharp fall in the bullion price to around \$585. But this soon attracted professional buyers at the lower end and soon the price had reached the \$700 mark again. By the close the price had been fixed at \$695 an ounce a rise of \$5 on the day.

As a result gold shares had

Saga Holidays, the over 60's tours group where directors control 65 per cent of the shares

a pretty mixed look about them with Anglo American Gold up \$5 at \$91\cdot while West Drei-fontein at \$79\cdot and St Helena at \$33\cdot drifted a \$\cdot \cdot lower. Among the cheaper priced shares Venterspost dipped \$13 to \$13 and Middle Wits fell 20 cents to 380 cents. Consolidated Gold Fields managed to hold firm at 445p while RTZ held its losses to 6p at 379p and Selection Trust 16p to 628p.

platinums with Impala 10p off at 260p although Rustenburg recovered 3p to 255p after 245p. The firmness after hours was

The firmness after hours was reflected emong Blue chips with Fisons 4p up at 287p and rises of 4p noted in ICI at 375p. Unilever at 462p, and Hawker Siddeley at 190p.

Among companies reporting Union Discount jumped 10p to 393p after preliminary figures with Henlys 3p better at 95p. Denbyware was 9p lighter at 105p following disappointing interim figures. interim figures.

Armitage Shanks returning from suspension leapt 39p to 95p following the terms of the agreed bid from Blue Circle overall. Trading here was 50 per cent jump in profits this after 268p. Sotheby's continued reported to be erretic after an year to next June. The shares to gain ground on its reconeasy start with little confidence optimistic annual report climb-ing 30p to 475p and speculation lifted Appleyard 4p to 74p. Adverse comment knocked Foster Bros 6p to 86p while profit-taking clipped 15p from IC Gas at 665p and continuing fears of a full scale bid for Weeks Petroleum saw National Carbonising retreat a further

Equity turnover on January 22, was £173,302m (19,663 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to the Exchange Tele and Selection Trust 16p to 528p.
In Australians Poseidon dipped
7p to 126p but the Ashton
Venture partners were both 4p
firmer with Northern Mining at
130p and Ashton et 120p. The 130p and Ashton at 139p. The ner.

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Putting a sparkle in drink profits

30, pre-tax profits rose ten fold to £108,000 on turnover down by a third to £4.6m. Mr Gulliver, who comes from

Campbelltown, the home of ADP distillery, took a 10 per cent stake in the group at 33p a share, in June last year and he and fellow James Gulliver Thorn Electrical Industries, Associates director Mr Alistair strengthened by its recent Grant bave been appointed to merger with EMI, fully intends pansion of the group ought to come through increased United Kingdom and export whisky sales. The shares yesterday were unchanged at 48p.

increases interim

per cent to £694,000 on rents and other income 11.7 per cent greater at £1.14m. Raising the interim payment from 0.74 to 0.92p gross, the board takes the view that there will also be an increase in the final (which was 1.42p last time). Taxable profits for 1978-79 reached a best-ever New minerals find in

Cheerful outlook at H J Baldwin

Although reporting slightly lower half-time profits, the board of clay and concrete manufacturers, H. J. Baldwin, cated by exploration of a site in the Baal Gammon area of

Pre-tax profits dipped from out that further work will be £185,000 to £179,000 in the half-

is leading the murder inquiry, refused to name the woman, who is in her 60s, "for her own safety". But he said he was satisfied she was not linked with the deaths. Earlier this month he released extracts of the letters. One said: "We all bate you. You

The breakthrough came after police had spent weeks exemin-ing the handwriting of people

Det Supt Sagar said: "She is an elderly person who has been aggravated by members of the Hastie family. She had abrication." He denied shout-ng: "Burn the bus", The trial commutes today. been tormented on several occasions and was once stoned by the Hastie children."

The magic couch of Mr James year to October 31; turnover the mineralization amounts to

Gulliver, which was felt by Fine Fare Group and Oriel Foods, is now putting some sparkle into Amalgamated Distilled Products, the west-of-Scotland balance of arrears, and give distiller and beer consideration to ordinary payments, provided results indicate whisky bottler.

In the half-year to September

hould live on an island (Devils Island) but I promise you a bomb and by hell I am not kidding. Why don't you flit while you have a chance".

The arrears of the preference

Regional Properties

In the six months to September 30, pre-tax profits of Regional Properties rose by 29

Business appointments Sir Alastair Down retires

succeeding Sir Alastair Down as chairman of Burmah Oil Trading, the company's principal subsidiary, Sir Alastair remains chairman of Burmah Oil. man of Burmah Oil.

Mr Geoffrey Allen and Mr Eric
Frye have joined the board of
Carpets International.

Mr Brian Turnbull is now a

director of George Waterston & Sons.
Mr John Cross has been made director of personnel of The Wall's Meat Company.
Mr G. Esam has been appointed of the manager of Mr G. Esam has been appointed deputy general manager of National Westminster Bank's domestic banking division. He succeeds Mr E. D. Morton who retires at the end of this month. Mr John F. Sandner has been elected chairman of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. He succeeds

"Cabinet trade" made up for most of the business on expiry day yesterday, increasing total contracts from Tuesday's figure of 1,256 to 1,937. Land Securities again featured strongly with over 400 con-tracts concentrated mainly on the January 280p series. Cons Gold saw some active trading with the share price remaining fairly firm against other shares hir by the bullion price. Con-tracts amounted 240 with, as

from Burmah Oil Trading Mr Stanley J. Wilson, managing director of Burmah Oil will become managing director and chief executive of the Burmah Group.

Mr Anthony R. N. Ratcliff has become part of the Burmah Brown. Mr Anthony R. N. Karcurt use been elected president of the Institute of Actuaries in succession to Mr Peter E. Moody. Mr Ratcliff is the chief general manager of Eagle Star Insurance, and a director of United Dominions Trust.

Maricker has been pro-

Mr J. M. Whisker has been promoted to the new post of director and general manager of Fenner International. Mr M. J. Storey and Mr G. R. Hart have also been appointed to the board. Mr J. Michael Dorr has been appointed sales director for Massey-Perguson Industrial Machinery. Mr J. A. Thomas, director in charge of Massey-Ferguson's Kilmarnock factory. has been appointed director engineering at the company's Eugineering Centre, Coventry. He will, in addition, remain in overall charge of the closing of operations at Kilmarnock.

Options

slipped from £1.32m to £1.25m. an ore reserve Great Northern The arrears of the preference has agreed with Oakridge, of which it is a subsidiery, to set up a joint venture to fund more exploration.

In Canada, depressed uranium prices have beined to precipitate a renegotiation of the supply agreement between Brinco, part of the Rio Tinto-Zinc group, and Commonwealth Edison's, major utility. Edison had offered buyer credits for mine and mill construction.

Abbey National assets reach £7.250m

Assets of Abbey National Building Society rose to £7,250m at the end of 1979, an increase of 15.9 per cent, slightly higher than the increase in 1978. Net receipts for the year were £891m, an in-crease of 9.5 per cent. This re-flected the difficult conditions Richard Cave, said here. He and finance director, Mr Harold Mourgue, were "enormously impressed" with the business prevailing during 1979 and par-ticularly in November and Dethe general strength of the Thorn group's North American operations. cember. Despite this, a total of f1,420m was advanced to 108,000 borrowers, a lower number than in 1978 because of higher house prices.

Mount Charlotte buys Lake District hotel

facing the entire record manytry. Nevertheless, we consider
that EMI Music will make a
success of their future on their
success of their future on their
need of any

The board of Mount Charlotte
Investments has agreed to purchase 95 per cent of Windermere Hydropathic for about

The Windermere Hydropathic trades as an notelier and the addition of this one hundred bedroom with bathroom hotel, with its conference and banqueting facilities will further rein-force the group's activities in the Lake District. The book value of the assets

acquired amounts to about £55,000 and the pre-tax earn-ings for the eleven-month period to December 31 amounts some £60,000 after adding back booking commissions paid of £62,000.

results at Denbyware By Our Financial Staff sification into furniture, it is In the wake of Wedgwood's

US side hits half-year

downturn in interim figures and short-time working, fellow Staf-fordshire pottery group, Denby-ware has turned in dismal firsthelf profits.
In the six months to Septe

ber 29, the group made £51,000 pre-tax, against £319,000 in the previous comparable period on sales £400,000 lower at £4.8m. At the after-tax level, the group made a net loss of £41,000 against a previous profit of Although the interim divi-

dend has been maintained at 3p gross, the shares slumped 9p to 105p yesterday. At this level, they yield a historic 8.5 per Much of the downturn makes the cerami stems from the American opera- engine casting-is having a rions, with both the Canadian boom year on the back of an and United States divisions upturn in demand in the aerooperating at a loss.

run-down its unfortunate diver- recovery.

still having problems with its chairman is confident that the Canadian side ought to be breaking even by the year-end, while America should be turned round next year.

In the United Kingdom, the development of new products proved to be more costly and time-consuming than expected, but these are now on stream and ought to contribute to second-balf sales.

At present, the potteries are running to 75 per cent capacity and the group has no plans for short time or redundancies. Fifty per cent-owned Inter-Ceramics — which engine industry. The second Although the group has now half is likely to show some

Panel told of share deals By Philip Robinson

The Takeover Panel has been informed that an associate of Dunham Mount Holdings has been buying shares in Norwest Holst during the time Dunham has been discussing a possible offer for the building group. The transactions, involving 110,000 shares at between 111p and 120p, started on November 22 last year, ten days after Norwest's sheres price rose from 91p to 118p on an an-

nouncement that a bid could be on the way.

The buyer was Mr Ruben Kay, partner in Manchester-based chartered accountants, Kay. Johnson, Gee and Co who are auditors in Dunham Mount. He continued buying until January 11 this year.

Mr Kay end her wind a state of the stat Mr Kay said last night: "I knew nothing about the bid. We are a very big company and

Dunbam is not a large part of our work. I bought the shares on my own account and not for anyone else. I often buy

"The first I knew of a bid was when I read it in the papers one Monday morning and I didn't know I would have to declare it until January 15 this year when I was called to see the directors of Dunham Mount on a matter relating to the tax aspect of the takeover bid. It's as simple as that", he edded.

Mr Peter Rickitt of Dunham's advisers, Illingworth & Hen-riques, said: "This has caused us an awful lot of embarrassment."

A spokesman for the Take-over Panel said: "I would confirm that what has happened does not comply with Rule 31 of the Takeover Code."

was £1.2m (£1.14m) for year to September 30. Chairman reports that substantial progress has been FUNDINVEST Assests attributable to capital shares at December 31, £5.62m (£5.79m at September 30) and per share were 88½p (107p).

DUALVEST

Assets attributable to capital shares at December 31, £7.67m (£8.71m at September 30) and per share were 383½p (435½p). BAKERS HOUSEHOLD STORES Turnover for year to September 29 £3.84m (£3.24m). Pre-tax profit £621,000 (£424,000). EPS 18.87p (13.5p). Dividend total (13.5p). Final 0.85p making 2.14p (1.48p). Board proposes a scrip issue of one-for-three.

MANAGEMENT AGENCY & MUSAC
Chairman's annual report says although group will receive less of earnings of Mr Tom Jones and Mr Engelbert Rumperdinck, the board thinks that profits for year to July 31 are unlikely to differ materially from previous year.

GASKELL AND CO (BACCP) Internal reorganization is pro-posed whereby parent company will become a holding company and its name will be changed to Gaskell Broadloom.

MCMULLEN & SONS Turnover for year to Sept 29. £14.12m (£12.62m). Profit, £1,17m (£972,000) after tax. Total payment, 3.3p (3p).

Hogg Robinson has merged its international and reinsurance divisions into one subsidiary.

Mr Frank Barnshaw, for the effence, told the court of the The woman was unable to use the case and said the prosecution was "premature", ill-complaint and the children said From Our Correspondent defence, told the court of the legal research which went into The British Horse Society, a

The British Horse Society, a charity, was ordered by Stock-port magistrates, Greater Manchester, yesterday to pay £800 legal costs after it failed in a prosecution against Mrs Joan Boden, aged 43, a farmer's wife, and her son, George, aged 24, both of Mellor Hall Stockport. The society had alleged that a right of way was obstructed and claimed that a footpath had become a "bridle way" by years of use and use by eques-

son were cleared of obstructing

the highway, the magistrates received an application for

£1,069 from the defence law-

Horse society to pay £800 over footpath

trians. After Mrs Boden and her

of the footpath's status.

Mr Michael Ashworth, an officer of the society, who presented the private prosecution, said the proceedings were brought reluctantly. No riders were involved.

He aded that afte a request from members of the local community to settle the affair, the society did not want to wait two years for an official review

It alleged that last October a

gateway at the farm was blocked by a car and that a

woman pedestrian and child

the case and said the prosecu-tion was "premature", ill-founded, and oppressive". they could not lift thei cycle

Mrs Boden denied wilful obstruction of a highway by permitting the car to be placed there adn also denied using force against a boy of 16 to obstruct the path. Mr Boden denied obstruction with the car. Mr John Wyant, of Greater Manchester council engineer's department, said the official map described the track as a "footpath" and they considered that it went over a stile. Horse riding would be illegal on a

to be expected, the January 460p series autracting 135. Traditional options had a fairly quiet trading session ahead of Declaration day today. Some heatic trading was reported in First National Finance where the share price has risen recently by 6p to 16p.

Turner and Newall recently sold half its interest in S. A. Francise de Ferodo at about market price, reducing its bolding in Perodo from 6.8 to 3.4 per cent.

TURNER & NEWALL

ASSISTANCE TRUST

Gross revenue of Ashdown Investment Trust for year to November 30 up from £995,000 to £1.31m.

Total dividend, gross, 9.42p (6.86p), including special dividend relating to trust's holdings in Shell and Unilover. W<u>intr</u>ust WINTERUST
Pre-tax profits rose 21 per cent
to £706,000 in the six months to
September 30, 1979. Dividend
total 1.39p against 1.43p.

YULE CATTO Group has acquired a further 235,000 ordinary shares in Gas and Oil Acreage at an average price of 308p. This increases holding to 16.6 per cent of GOAL. The aggregate consideration, including expenses amounts to 54,000 and will be provided from Yule Catto's existing resources.

TEXTILES
Turnover for half-year to July
27, £3.33m (£2.98m). Pre-tax profits, £222.000 (£202.000). Interim
payment held at 0.42p gross. SCOTTISH AMERICAN
Gross income of Scottish American Investment Co for 1979, 54.62m (54.45m). Total gross dividend raised from 4.4p to 5p.

FAIRDALE TEXTILES

ALLIANCE BUILDING SOCIETY Alliance Building Society is making a limited issue of a new form of investment which offers a fixed-rate of interest guaranteed not to change before December 31, 1980. Alliance is the first major building society to launch this type of investment, called Alliance Fixed-Rate Bood. The fixed rate

of interest for the first issue is 11.5 per cent net per annum, equivalent to 16.43 per cent gross where basic rate income tax is paid at 30 per cent. GRIMSHAWE

At an extraordinary meeting of Grimshawe Holdings in London the acquisition of Cindy Limited for 777,538 shares was approved. The chairman, Mr Thomas Kenny. authounced that an overwhelming majority of the proxy votes cas were in favour of the resolution

Briefly

NEWSPAPER MERGER Express Newspapers Western Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Express Newspapers Ltd., are being allowed to acquire Leipalm of Express Newspapers Ltd., are being allowed to acquire Lefpalm Ltd., the publishers of the Cornwall Courier which is also published under the name St Austell Courier. Mr John Nott, Secretary of State for Trade, has given his consent to the acquisition under section 58(4) of the Fair Trading Act, 1973.

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Following mergers are not
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ULSTER BANK Post-tex profit of Ulster Invest-ment Bank (subsidiary of Netwest)

HOGG ROBINSON

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS Mitsubishi expects 50pc increase

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in income Mitsubishi Corporation of Japan says it expects its net consolidated income for the 1979 business year ending March 31 to increase by about 50 per cent to 35.55bn yen from 23.70bn in 1978 on sales of 11.50 trillion yen compared to the sales of the sale 11.50 trillion yen compared with

The trading house announced The trading house announced record net income of 20.78bn yen on record sales of 5.60 trillion yen for the first half-year euded September 30, 1979, which were increases of 87.4

International

per cent and 25.7 per cent respectively, over the same period a year earlier.

Mitsubishi said the increase in sales was due to a marked increase in the market price of crude oil and other raw mate-rials as well as the appreciation of the United States dollar against the yen.

The rise also reflected a general improvement in econo-mic conditions in Japan.

Contributing to the record net income was a 21.6 per cent increase in gross trading profit to 139.69bn yen and a 6.24bn reduction in the allowance for doubtful receivables to 9.87bn and the to a further increase. yen due to a further improve-ment in the economic environ-ment of Mitsubishi's larger cus-tomers in Japan.

lucome from equity holdings in its domestic and overseas subsidiaries also increased,

Montedison

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Milan .-- A Montedison spokesman declined to comment on a report in the magazine Il Mondo that Montedison's group sales rose by 29 per cent in 1979 to 6.68 trillion lire.

The magazine said Montedison's parent company sales rose 37 per cent to 4.05 trillion lire while group losses were sharply lower. In 1978, Montedison made a net loss of 256,000m lire.—Reuter.

Euromarkets

THE SWISS CONFEDERATION plans to issue a fourth set of 3-month, short-term certificates this week totalling about 200m Swiss francs, the Swiss National Bank reported in Zurich.

ISVEIMER, the public financing institute for development of Southern Italy, is launching a 100,000m lirer 13 per cent, seven-year bond issue.

BANCO DI ROMA and Credit Lyonnais have organized and placed on the international market a \$50m, 12-year loan for SIP, the Italian state-controlled telephone company

NORWAY has raised 2,880m kr through two domestic loans at par, the Finance Ministry said. AUTOPISTAS DEL MARE NOS-TRUM, Spanish public works com-pany, is raising 40m Swiss francs by a private placement of four-year, six per cent bonds through Union Bank of Switzerland.

CREDIT FONCIER DE FRANCE plans to issue a 2,500m franc, 15-year domestic bond next week, bond market sources said. in the Asian dollar market, DBS-baiwa Securities International said

as lead manager. SANKYO ELECTRIC CO is floating a \$25m 15-year convertible issue, bearing 8.25 per cent semiannually, through a syndicate led by Daiwa Europe NV.

TOKYO STYLE CO has signed a contract in Basle for a 40m Swiss tranc, five-year convertible bond placement with Swiss Bank Corp and Nomura (Switzerland) Ltd. AJINOMOTO CO has signed a contract in London to offer a \$40m, 15-year convertible bond through an international underwriting syndicate of 10 firms.

Bank Base Rates

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M. J. H. Nightingale & Co. Limited 27/28 Lovet Lane London EC3R SEB Telephone: 01-638 8651 The Over-the-Counter Market

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* Accounts prepared under provision of SSAP15.

Wall Street

New York, Jan 23.-Led by strength in defence and oil issues, the stock market rose sharply in heavy trading.

Analysis said the defence group benefited from indications that President Carter will outline a tough defence posture in his state of the union" message. The Dow-Jones industrial aver-

age climbed 11 points and advances led declines five to two as turnover of 50 million shares about matched the 50,620,000 traded

Gold, silver and copper stocks rebounded from weakness yesterday. Gold made a sharp early recovery but was lower by the close. Silver advanced on the day. But analysts said continuing demand for equities from cash laden institutions was the main factor

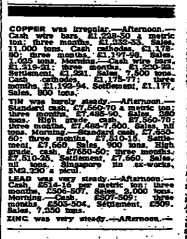
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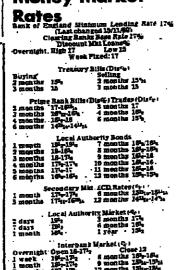
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The Bank of England was required to give assistance on an exceptionally large scale—indicating a figure over £500m—to relieve the shortage of credit yesterday. Money moving into the new "tap" stocks, in particular the long Treasury 12½ per cent stock 2003/05 "A" was a major factor in the shortage, as was the payment of a huge amount of tax—possibly the biggest of the month.

Houses were again stuck on 17 per cent for much of the session, although closing balances were to be found between 15 and 16 per cent. Rates for unsecured loans interbank again climbed over 20 per cent. A large part of the bank's programme of help took the form of overnight lending to eight or nine houses at MLR.

In addition, the authorities bought a moderate amount of Treasury bills from the banks and the houses, and purchased a small number of corporation bills and a small quantity of "eligible" bank bills direct from the houses.

Money Market



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Foreign exchange report

With the dollar staging a late retreat the pound was able to findsh higher on balance on foreign exchange markets yesterday gaining 35 pts at 2.2790 compared with 2.2755 overnight. The trade weighted index finished 0.2 pts lower at the final calculation of 71.8 against 72.0 yesterday.

The dollar was easier all the session to close at low levels on the day, not helped by reports

(+0.4). Scotland: Cattle numbers down 21.4 per cent, average price 79.46p (+0.89). Sheep numbers up 51.0 per cent, average price 136.2p ++9.6). Pig numbers down 4.5 per cent, average price 71.4p (--5.3).

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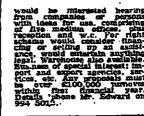
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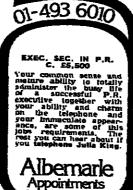
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David ("Goldie") Goldsmith, former sub-warden of Radley College, with a parent of one of the boys: Public School (BBC 2, 8.30)

• Jolly nice lads at a jolly nice school with jolly fine ideals I thought Radley College came through last week's opening instalment of Public School with flying colours and reputation enhanced. Jolly nice staff, too. With one possible exception—the maths teacher who, as the opening episode closed, we saw greeting the tardy new boy on his first morning in class with the cheering invitation: "Come in, you vile boy. You're late! Sit down!" Tonight's episode (BBC 2, 8.30) concentrates on that self-same teacher, David (Goldie) Goldsmith, who, when these BBC films were made, was sub-Warden of Radley. He is now head of another public school in Oxfordshire. White at Radley, he earned himself the reputation of being the Ayatollah of the Fourth, and the scourge of the third XI. It was not enough to be nimble mathematician in his class. To prosper, a Jolly nice lads at a jolly nice school with jolly fine ideals. by also had to be able to crack codes, solve anagrams and know. who won the 2.30 at Lingfield. Prep was (or was not) set depending on the fortunes of Ipswich Town Football Club.

Tonight's film is an affectionate portrait of this nonconforming pedagogue who served Radley well for 30 years and, presumably, had the boys alternately quaking with laughter and fear during the whole of that time.

• James Burke has no difficulty connecting like to unlike in his BBC series Connections, now being repeated on Monday nights. But I think even he might have had problems linking Agincourt with black puddings. The feat is, however, accomplished by Brian Glover in his play Thicker Than Water (BBC 1, 9.25) in which a family of British pork butchers, fired by Shakespeare's prose, goes to France to compete for culinary glory. More than that, I must not say.

● It is comparatively easy to tell a good instrumentalist from a mediocre one, but how do you pass judgment on a conductor who may be only as good as his orchestra and whose Bach may be far worse than his Britten? That little problem is neatly solved in the Rupert Foundation Competition for Young Conductors, the final of which is decided tonight (Radio 3, 10.00) after semi-finals (recorded last Tuesday) at 11.45 this morning, also on Radio 3. All the semi-finalists and finalists will conduct the same orchestra, the BBC Symphony. In the final, moreover, they will have to wave the baton to music by the same composer, Haydn. Among the judges is Gennadi Rozhdestvensky who will show the youngsters how a veteran does it by conducting the Symphony No 1 by Shostakovich towards the end of tonight's transmission.

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TELEVISION

5.00 John Craven's Newsround:

Junior newsreel. 5.10 Blue Peter: Saving the sea birds who have been

affected by an oil slick off the Somerset coast.

5.40 News: with Kenneth Kendall.

5.55 Nationwide; The Nationwide

Golden Award for the entertainer who has pleased most family audiences during the past year.

7.00 Tomorrow's World: Items on

new ways to detect potential heart-attack victims; a bicycle with an uil-free chain; and good news from the nuclear power industry.

7.25 Top of the Pops: The pop music programme. 8.05 Wildlife on One: Zen, the Pigtail Monkey. How the owner of a Macaque mon-

hey harnessed its skills and intelli-gence to help his family to gather their crop of coconuts. The mon-key actually goes to work on a bicycle. The film is narrated by David Attenborough.

8.30 Watch this Space: Comedies about an advertising agency.
Tonight, Claire (Liza Goddard) is
invited to work for another firm.

9.00 News: with Angela Rippon.

7.15 News: With sub-titles for the

BBC 1 9.00 am For Schools, Colleges, Japan (Tokyo); 9.25 Physical Science (periodic table); 9.47 Science (friction); 10.10 Merry-go-Round; 10.35 Scene; 11.05 On the Rocks (break and make), Close-down at 11.55.

12.45 pm News and weather. 1.00 Pebble Mill at One: Includes Tony Bilbow's movie spot, Film 1.45 Heads and Tails: Swing High,

Swing Low (r).

2.00 You and Me: a e l o u (r).

2.15 For Schools, Colleges. Music
Time; 2.40 Television Club: against
the law. Closedown at 3.53. 3.55 Play School: The story of The Willow Pattern. 4.20 Deputy Dawg: cartoon. 4.25 Jackanory: Kenneth Williams continues his reading of Norman Hunter's The Dribblesome Teapors (r). 4.40 Screen Test: Second Semi-final of this movie quiz. And young filmmaker Jan Pinkava, from Colchester, collects his Young Film Makers Competition trophy for his animated film The Rainbow.

BBC 2

THAMES

Elisabeth Sladen.

widower is expected.

11.00 am Play School: Same as BBC 1, 3.55. Closedown at 11.25.
4.25 pm Open University: S 101
Preparatory Maths (angles); 4.40
Dome on the Range; 5.05 The PreSchool Child (all in a Day's
Work)

School Chin (all in a Day's Work).

5.40 Laurel and Hardy: Going Bye-Bye (1934). Escaped criminal gets even with the two comics who were instrumental in his being sent were instrumental in his being sent to gaol. A painful finale for an otherwise very funny comedy. 6.00 Film: The Black Sheep of Whitehall' (1941). Not in the same class as last week's Oh! Mr. Porter, but an entertaining Will Hay come-dy none the less. He plays a teacher who is mistaken for an economics expert and becomes in-volved with Nazl spies. Also star-ring John Mills. ring John Mills.

that began the long-running televi-sion series. About a fur trapper in the last century. With Dan Hag-

5.45 News. 6.00 Thantes News. 6.25 Help ! Helping the old to fight the cold. With Joan Shenton, 6.35

real-life series about Radley College, Oxfordshire. Tonight's in-stalment concentrates on D. G. (Goldie) Goldsmith, sub-warden of



3.45 Looks Familiar: Denis
Norden's show business quiz, with
Max Wall, Tommy Trinder and
Larry Adler as his guests.
4.15 Film: The Life and Times of
Grizzly Adams (1974). The one
World (BBC 1, 7.00).

Water. Brian Glover's comedy about the British contingent at the Black Pudding Festival in Nor-mandy. With Colin Douglas, Nich-nlas Ball and Paula Tilbrook (see Personal Choice). 10.40 The 1980 European Figure Skating Championships: Tonight, Robin Cousins faces the most Cru-

9.25 Play for Today: Thicker than

cial test of his career as he makes his attempt for the men's cham-pionship. From Gothenburg. 11.15 Platform One : Robert Mc-

Kenzie talks to Sir Derek Rayner joint managing director of Marks and Spencer, brought in by Mrs Thatcher to cut waste in Whitehall 11.45 News and weather.

Regions

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the college (see Fersonal Choice).
9.00 M*A*S*H: Korean war comedies. The extraordinary effects of the arival of some delayed mail.
9.25 Man Alive: The Olympics Debate: Wide-ranging debate on the present rumpus. The athletes are represented by big names such as Chris Brasher. David Bedford, Alan Pascoe and David Wilkie. We also hear from Sir Denis Follows 7.15 News: With sub-titites for the hard-of-hearing.
7.25 Newsweek: Back to the Cold War? President Carter's speech to the nation last night provides the springboard for an investigation of what Russia is up to. It also poses the question: What can the US do about it? Richard Kershaw is the presenter and there are judgments from Washington and Moscow.
8.00 It's Patently Obvious: Experts and near-experts have to identify inventions, past and present. Tonight's visitors are Sheila Hancock, James Burke and the Bristol Telephone Area. The regulars are Debby Swallow and Wilf Lunn, and Julian Petitier Is the MC.
8.30 Public School: Part 2 of this real-life series about Radley College Oxfordelies. Alan Pascoe and David Wilkie. We also hear from Sir Denis Follows (of the British Olympic Association) and many others with an interest in the Games.

10.15 Richard Stilgoe: The wit and music man explores the lighter side of Burns Night and demonstrates some of the ways in which Scotsmen try to get rid of their hangeis.

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11.10 News and weather.

11.12 Closedown: Douglas Dunn's poem The Silences is read by Julian Glover.

Crossroads: motel series. Crossroads: motel series.

7.00 Wish You Were Here . . . ?
The Chris Kelly/Judith Chalmers holidays programme. Tonight: cruising in the Mediterraneau, and the pleasures of Llandudno.

7.30 Bernie: Comedy show with Berale Winters. Patrick Mower does a Superman skit, and June Whitfield goes cruising with Mr Winters. Winters.

tim. Final episode of this dramatic tale (by Michael Ashe) about a kidnapped girl. 8.30 TV Eye: Seconds out. Will the unions accept the law on secondary picketing, and will it have enough teeth? A steel strike

9.00 Chief of Detectives: New York crime story about three teenagers whose murderous careers are sud-

facing because insured companies are getting rid of their old com-puters to buy a new range. 11.00 Lou Grant: Newspaper office dramas. Tonight: the plight of illegal aliens. 12.00 What the Papers Say: With Barry Askew editor of the Langa-Barry Askew, editor of the Lanca-shire Evening Post. 12.15 am Close: A Christian Unity Week message, from the Rev Alec

8.00 Armchair Theatre: The Vic-

10.00 News. 10.30 Inside Business: The £150m loss which Lloyd's of London is

RADIO

5.50 Regional news, weather. 11.00-11.30 Study on 4: The Bad Radio 2 Life (3).

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Radio 4

6.30 Today.

9.00 News.

10.00 News. 10.05 Parent Power.

12.55 Weather

1.40 The Archers.

2.00 News. 2.02 Woman's Hour.

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10.30 Inc. inten-filter's Guide the Galaxy.† 11.80 A Book at Bedtime. 11.15 Financial World Tonight. 11.30 Today in Parliament. 12.00 News. 12.15 am-12.23 Weather.

Language, Secondary

9.05 Checkpoint.

6.00 am News Briefing. 6.10 Farming Today.

7.30. 8.30 Headlines. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament.

9.30 The Living World.

11.00 News. 11.05 Analysis. 11.50 Soan's Story (4).

12.00 News. 12.02 pm You and ours. 12.27 Detective (4).

.00 The World at One.

2.02 Woman's Hour.
3.00 News.
3.02 Listen With Mother.
3.15 Play: The Annunciation, by Geoffrey Parkinson.
4.15 Any Answers?
4.45 Story: The Paradise Birds.
5.00 PM.
5.55 Weather.

10.30 Daily Service. 10.45 The Wooden Horse (4).

Radio 3 6.55 am Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Records. Saint-Saëns, Benjamin, Dvorak, Bridge.† 8,00 News. 8,05 Records: Nielsen, Liszt, Gla-zunov (Vin Cone), Mendelssohn.†

9.60 News. 9.65 Week's Composer: Arnold.† 9.55 Talk: Othmar Schoeck.† 10.25 London Studio Strings/ Tausky: Albinoni, Larsson, Fre-derick the Great.† 11.00 Songs (Luxon): G. Bush, Ireland.†

11.45 Rupert Conductors' Comp: 11.45 Rupert Conductors' Comp: BBCSO/semi-finalists: Elgar, Pro-kofiev, Dukas, Falla.† 1.00 pm News. 1.05 Harpschord (Pinnock) (Live from Bristoi): Rameau, Batch, Balbastre.† 2.00 BBC Northern SO/E Schmid: Schoeck (The Fisherman and His

Wife).†
2.45 Piano: Bach, Stockhausen
(IX), Liszt, Debussy.†
3.35 Aeolian Quartet, pr. 1: Worf,
David Barlow.†
4.00 Interval reading.

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4.00 Interval reading.

4.05 Aeolian Quartet, pt 2: Beethoven (op 131).†

4.55 News.

5.00 (mw and mono only from 5.50) Music for early evening.†

7.15 Talking about Music.†

7.45 Play: Possibilities, by Jonarhan Raban.†

8.30 NPO/de Waart/Grumlaux:

Svendsen (Romance in G).†

8.40 What Books I Please.

9.00 Music in Our Time:

Donaueschingen 79 (incl Serocki).†

9.45 Story: On an Ocean Wave, by Scott Fitzgerald.

10.00 Rupert Conductors' Comp:

BBCSO/finalists (Haydn Syms 41, 46, 47), BBCSO/Rozhdestvensky (Shostakovich Sym 1), announcement of winner† (incl interval reading). 7.105 The Archers.
7.20 Time for Verse.
7.30 Acis and Galatea, by Handel.†
9.20 Kaleidoscope.
10.00 The World: Tonight.
10.30 The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to

VHF
6.50 am Regional news, weather.
7.50 Regional news, weather.
9.05-10.30 For Schools: A Service for Schools: Impact; Religion and Life; Sounds, Words and Movement; Notice Board I; Stories and Rhymes.
10.45-12.00 For Schools: Salut lestenge; Time and Trues, Man-VHF 5.50 pm-7.15 Open University: Introduction to S101; Into the Open (3)—learning from television and radio; Why Self-Sufficiency? The First Years of Life—down in jeunes!; Time and Tune; Man; Our Changing World. 2.00 pm-3.00 For Schools: Living Science;

reading). 11.55-12.00 News.

5.00 am News, weather. 5.04 Steve Jones.† 7.32 Terry Wogan.† 10.04 Jimmy Young.† 12.04 ppt David Hamilton.† 2.03 Ed Stewart.† 4.03 Much More Music.† 5.00 News. 5.05 Waggoners' Walk. 5.20 Much More Music.† 6.03 John Dunn.† 8.02 County Club.† 9.02 Alan Dell.† 9.55 Sports Desk. 16.02 Peter Goodwright. 10.30 Star 10.02 Peter Goodwright, 10.30 Star Sound Extra, 11.02 Brian Matthew, 2.02-5.00 am You and

Radio 1

Touris, 9.00 Simon Bates, 11.31 Paul Burnett, 2.00 pm Andy Peebles, 4.31 Kid Jensen, 7.00 Talkabout, 8.00 Mike Read, 9.50 Newsbeat, 10.00 John Peel. † 12.00-5.00 am As Radio 2. VHF RADIOS 1 AND 2: 5.00 am With Radio 2, 10.00 pm With Radio 1, 12,00-5.00 am With Radio

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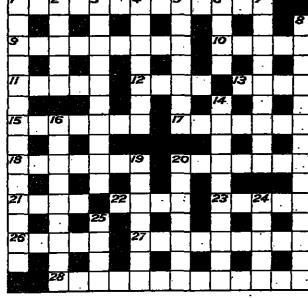
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- 1 I well serve as example of good landlord (7, 6). 9 Inert—apart from smaller end, never changing (9). 10 Counter - productive chap losing head on peak (5).
- 11 At Formby's lamp-post in Coventry Street? (5). 12 One bird's beginning is 4 High spirits clergymau of down on with this book of the coord's achieving the heights (4).
- 15 Brewer's needed at this stage of afternoon (3-4). 17 More the sound of a rasp
- 15 A single artist's work—it isn't a mixture (7).
- 20 Bit of Maths confuses me-other parts, too (7).
- 21 Some sort of resistance in Royalist cause ? (4). 22 Murderer one jailed (4). 23 Imitative of Gibbon ? (5).
- 26 This sort of bone always starts burting (5). 27 Henry IV's beginning to get into trouble, causing split-up (9).
- 28 Like praise freely given (13). DOWN
- 2 Social gathering for sor on Fourth of July ? (5).
- 1 Walkabout? Just like our Monarchy (14). 3 Mad Hatter-Alice almost as histrionic (10).

4 Sheiter Confederates (3, 4) Following, making certain king's escaped (7). River producing hold-ups for

Control toboggan right up a Tracic hero's convenient book (8, 6). High spirits clergyman comes down on with this book (10).

19 It opens in theatre in maybe \$0 places (7). 20 Start of Times anagram, bur not a Chinese puzzle (7).

24 One's taken on vulgar business with a resort in Med (5). 25 West Ham needing one as substitute? Fancy! (4).

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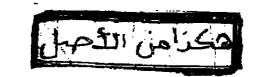
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